

20	municipality of county has approved and signed the plat,
27	 requires a municipality and county to establish two acceptable forms of completion
28	assurance and adds elements for which the municipality or county may not require
29	completion assurance;
30	 amends provisions regarding exemptions from the plat requirement;
31	 amends a provision regarding municipal or county liability for the dedication of a
32	street;
33	 allows for a separate process to vacate a public street through a petition;
34	 repeals provisions regarding a historic preservation appeal authority;
35	 allows a legislative body to act as an appeal authority to review a land use decision
36	in certain circumstances;
37	 provides for a court to review a land use application denial and remand the matter in
38	certain circumstances;
39	 allows a court to award attorney fees if the court makes a certain determination of
40	bad faith challenge to a land use application decision;
41	requires a boundary line agreement operating as a quitclaim deed to meet certain
42	standards;
43	 amends provisions regarding boundary line agreements, including elements, status,
44	and exemptions; and
45	makes technical and conforming changes.
46	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
47	None
48	Other Special Clauses:
49	None
50	Utah Code Sections Affected:
51	AMENDS:
52	10-9a-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 460
53	10-9a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 339 and 415
54	10-9a-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session, Chapter 1
55	10-9a-208, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 90
56	10-9a-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 84

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57	10-9a-501, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 84
58	10-9a-502, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 84
59	10-9a-503, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapters 17, 79, and 84
60	10-9a-507, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
61	10-9a-509, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
62	10-9a-509.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Second Special Session, Chapter 1
63	10-9a-601, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 254
64	10-9a-602, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 254
65	10-9a-603, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapters 410 and 428
66	10-9a-604.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
67	10-9a-605, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
68	10-9a-607, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
69	10-9a-608, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 136
70	10-9a-609, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 136
71	10-9a-609.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
72	10-9a-701, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Second Special Session, Chapter 1
73	10-9a-707, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 84
74	10-9a-801, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
75	10-9a-802, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
76	17-27a-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 460
77	17-27a-103, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapters 339 and 415
78	17-27a-104, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Third Special Session, Chapter 1
79	17-27a-208, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 90
80	17-27a-302, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 84
81	17-27a-501, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 84
82	17-27a-502, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 84
83	17-27a-503, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 84
84	17-27a-506, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
85	17-27a-508, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
86	17-27a-509.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 112
87	17-27a-601, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 254

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              17-27a-602, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 465
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              17-27a-603, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapters 410 and 428
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              17-27a-604.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
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              17-27a-605, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 147
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              17-27a-607, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
              17-27a-608, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 136
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              17-27a-609.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 381
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              17-27a-707, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 84
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              17-27a-801, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
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              17-27a-802, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 339
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              57-1-13, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 88
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              57-1-45, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 88
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              63I-2-217, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 68 and further amended by
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       Revisor Instructions, Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 456
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       Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
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              Section 1. Section 10-9a-102 is amended to read:
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              10-9a-102. Purposes -- General land use authority.
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              (1) The purposes of this chapter are to:
108
              (a) provide for the health, safety, and welfare[, and];
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              (b) promote the prosperity[-];
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              (c) improve the morals, peace [and], good order, comfort, convenience, and aesthetics
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       of each municipality and [its] the counties present and future inhabitants and businesses[, to];
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              (d) protect the tax base[, to];
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              (e) secure economy in governmental expenditures[, to];
              (f) foster the state's agricultural and other industries[, to];
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              (g) protect both urban and nonurban development[, to];
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              (h) protect and ensure access to sunlight for solar energy devices[, to];
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              (i) provide fundamental fairness in land use regulation[, and to];
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              (j) facilitate orderly growth and allow growth in a variety of housing types; and
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119	(k) protect property values.
120	(2) To accomplish the purposes of this chapter, [municipalities] a municipality may
121	enact all ordinances, resolutions, and rules and may enter into other forms of land use controls
122	and development agreements that [they consider] the municipality considers necessary or
123	appropriate for the use and development of land within the municipality, including ordinances,
124	resolutions, rules, restrictive covenants, easements, and development agreements governing:
125	<u>(a)</u> uses[,];
126	(b) density[,];
127	(c) open spaces[;];
128	(d) structures[-;];
129	(e) buildings[,];
130	(f) energy efficiency[;];
131	(g) light and air[-;];
132	(h) air quality[,];
133	(i) transportation and public or alternative transportation[-;];
134	(j) infrastructure[-;];
135	(k) street and building orientation [and];
136	(1) width requirements[,];
137	(m) public facilities[-,];
138	(n) fundamental fairness in land use regulation[;]; and
139	(o) considerations of surrounding land uses [and the] to balance [of] the foregoing
140	purposes with a landowner's private property interests[, height and location of vegetation, trees
141	and landscaping, unless expressly prohibited by law] and associated statutory and constitutional
142	protections.
143	(3) (a) Any ordinance, resolution, or rule enacted by a municipality pursuant to its
144	authority under this chapter shall comply with the state's exclusive jurisdiction to regulate oil
145	and gas activity, as described in Section 40-6-2.5.
146	(b) A municipality may enact an ordinance, resolution, or rule that regulates surface
147	activity incident to an oil and gas activity if the municipality demonstrates that the regulation:
148	(i) is necessary for the purposes of this chapter;
149	(ii) does not effectively or unduly limit, ban, or prohibit an oil and gas activity; and

150	(iii) does not interfere with the state's exclusive jurisdiction to regulate oil and gas
151	activity, as described in Section 40-6-2.5.
152	Section 2. Section 10-9a-103 is amended to read:
153	10-9a-103. Definitions.
154	As used in this chapter:
155	(1) "Affected entity" means a county, municipality, local district, special service
156	district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, school district, interlocal
157	cooperation entity established under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, specified
158	public utility, property owner, property owners association, or the Utah Department of
159	Transportation, if:
160	(a) the entity's services or facilities are likely to require expansion or significant
161	modification because of an intended use of land;
162	(b) the entity has filed with the municipality a copy of the entity's general or long-range
163	plan; or
164	(c) the entity has filed with the municipality a request for notice during the same
165	calendar year and before the municipality provides notice to an affected entity in compliance
166	with a requirement imposed under this chapter.
167	(2) "Appeal authority" means the person, board, commission, agency, or other body
168	designated by ordinance to decide an appeal of a decision of a land use application or a
169	variance.
170	(3) "Billboard" means a freestanding ground sign located on industrial, commercial, or
171	residential property if the sign is designed or intended to direct attention to a business, product,
172	or service that is not sold, offered, or existing on the property where the sign is located.
173	(4) (a) "Charter school" means:
174	(i) an operating charter school;
175	(ii) a charter school applicant that has its application approved by a charter school
176	authorizer in accordance with Title 53G, Chapter 5, Part 3, Charter School Authorization; or
177	(iii) an entity that is working on behalf of a charter school or approved charter
178	applicant to develop or construct a charter school building.
179	(b) "Charter school" does not include a therapeutic school

(5) "Conditional use" means a land use that, because of its unique characteristics or

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181	potential impact on the municipality, surrounding neighbors, or adjacent land uses, may not be
182	compatible in some areas or may be compatible only if certain conditions are required that
183	mitigate or eliminate the detrimental impacts.
184	(6) "Constitutional taking" means a governmental action that results in a taking of
185	private property so that compensation to the owner of the property is required by the:
186	(a) Fifth or Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; or
187	(b) Utah Constitution Article I, Section 22.
188	(7) "Culinary water authority" means the department, agency, or public entity with
189	responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of the culinary water system and sources for
190	the subject property.
191	(8) "Development activity" means:
192	(a) any construction or expansion of a building, structure, or use that creates additional
193	demand and need for public facilities;
194	(b) any change in use of a building or structure that creates additional demand and need
195	for public facilities; or
196	(c) any change in the use of land that creates additional demand and need for public
197	facilities.
198	(9) (a) "Disability" means a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one
199	or more of a person's major life activities, including a person having a record of such an
200	impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment.
201	(b) "Disability" does not include current illegal use of, or addiction to, any federally
202	controlled substance, as defined in Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C.
203	802.
204	(10) "Educational facility":
205	(a) means:
206	(i) a school district's building at which pupils assemble to receive instruction in a
207	program for any combination of grades from preschool through grade 12, including
208	kindergarten and a program for children with disabilities;
209	(ii) a structure or facility:

(A) located on the same property as a building described in Subsection (10)(a)(i); and

(B) used in support of the use of that building; and

212	(iii) a building to provide office and related space to a school district's administrative
213	personnel; and
214	(b) does not include:
215	(i) land or a structure, including land or a structure for inventory storage, equipment
216	storage, food processing or preparing, vehicle storage or maintenance, or similar use that is:
217	(A) not located on the same property as a building described in Subsection (10)(a)(i);
218	and
219	(B) used in support of the purposes of a building described in Subsection (10)(a)(i); or
220	(ii) a therapeutic school.
221	(11) "Fire authority" means the department, agency, or public entity with responsibility
222	to review and approve the feasibility of fire protection and suppression services for the subject
223	property.
224	(12) "Flood plain" means land that:
225	(a) is within the 100-year flood plain designated by the Federal Emergency
226	Management Agency; or
227	(b) has not been studied or designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
228	but presents a likelihood of experiencing chronic flooding or a catastrophic flood event because
229	the land has characteristics that are similar to those of a 100-year flood plain designated by the
230	Federal Emergency Management Agency.
231	(13) "General plan" means a document that a municipality adopts that sets forth general
232	guidelines for proposed future development of the land within the municipality.
233	(14) "Geologic hazard" means:
234	(a) a surface fault rupture;
235	(b) shallow groundwater;
236	(c) liquefaction;
237	(d) a landslide;
238	(e) a debris flow;
239	(f) unstable soil;
240	(g) a rock fall; or
241	(h) any other geologic condition that presents a risk:
242	(i) to life;

243	(ii) of substantial loss of real property; or
244	(iii) of substantial damage to real property.
245	(15) "Historic preservation authority" means a person, board, commission, or other
246	body designated by a legislative body to:
247	(a) recommend land use regulations to preserve local historic districts or areas; and
248	(b) administer local historic preservation land use regulations within a local historic
249	district or area.
250	(16) "Hookup fee" means a fee for the installation and inspection of any pipe, line,
251	meter, or appurtenance that connects to a municipal water, sewer, storm water, power, or other
252	utility system.
253	(17) "Identical plans" means building plans submitted to a municipality that:
254	(a) are clearly marked as "identical plans";
255	(b) are substantially identical to building plans that were previously submitted to and
256	reviewed and approved by the municipality; and
257	(c) describe a building that:
258	(i) is located on land zoned the same as the land on which the building described in the
259	previously approved plans is located;
260	(ii) is subject to the same geological and meteorological conditions and the same law
261	as the building described in the previously approved plans;
262	(iii) has a floor plan identical to the building plan previously submitted to and reviewed
263	and approved by the municipality; and
264	(iv) does not require any additional engineering or analysis.
265	(18) "Impact fee" means a payment of money imposed under Title 11, Chapter 36a,
266	Impact Fees Act.
267	(19) "Improvement completion assurance" means a surety bond, letter of credit,
268	financial institution bond, cash, assignment of rights, lien, or other equivalent security required
269	by a municipality to guaranty the proper completion of landscaping or an infrastructure
270	improvement required as a condition precedent to:
271	(a) recording a subdivision plat; or
272	(b) development of a commercial, industrial, mixed use, or multifamily project.
273	(20) "Improvement warranty" means an applicant's unconditional warranty that the

2/4	applicant's instance and accepted landscaping of infrastructure improvement.
275	(a) complies with the municipality's written standards for design, materials, and
276	workmanship; and
277	(b) will not fail in any material respect, as a result of poor workmanship or materials,
278	within the improvement warranty period.
279	(21) "Improvement warranty period" means a period:
280	(a) no later than one year after a municipality's acceptance of required landscaping; or
281	(b) no later than one year after a municipality's acceptance of required infrastructure,
282	unless the municipality:
283	(i) determines for good cause that a one-year period would be inadequate to protect the
284	public health, safety, and welfare; and
285	(ii) has substantial evidence, on record:
286	(A) of prior poor performance by the applicant; or
287	(B) that the area upon which the infrastructure will be constructed contains suspect soil
288	and the municipality has not otherwise required the applicant to mitigate the suspect soil.
289	(22) "Infrastructure improvement" means permanent infrastructure that <u>is essential for</u>
290	the public health and safety or that:
291	(a) is required for human occupation; and
292	(b) an applicant must install:
293	[(a)] (i) [pursuant to] in accordance with published installation and inspection
294	specifications for public improvements; and
295	[(b)] (ii) whether the improvement is public or private, as a condition of:
296	[(i)] (A) recording a subdivision plat; [or]
297	(B) obtaining a building permit; or
298	[(ii)] (C) development of a commercial, industrial, mixed use, condominium, or
299	multifamily project.
300	(23) "Internal lot restriction" means a platted note, platted demarcation, or platted
301	designation that:
302	(a) runs with the land; and
303	(b) (i) creates a restriction that is enclosed within the perimeter of a lot described on
304	the plat; or

305	(ii) designates a development condition that is enclosed within the perimeter of a lot
306	described on the plat.
307	(24) "Land use applicant" means a property owner, or the property owner's designee,
308	who submits a land use application regarding the property owner's land.
309	(25) "Land use application":
310	(a) means an application that is:
311	(i) required by a municipality; and
312	(ii) submitted by a land use applicant to obtain a land use decision; and
313	(b) does not mean an application to enact, amend, or repeal a land use regulation.
314	(26) "Land use authority" means:
315	(a) a person, board, commission, agency, or body, including the local legislative body,
316	designated by the local legislative body to act upon a land use application; or
317	(b) if the local legislative body has not designated a person, board, commission,
318	agency, or body, the local legislative body.
319	(27) "Land use decision" means an administrative decision of a land use authority or
320	appeal authority approving a land use application that runs with the land in accordance with the
321	terms of the decision regarding:
322	(a) a land use permit;
323	(b) a land use application; or
324	(c) the enforcement of a land use regulation, land use permit, or development
325	agreement.
326	(28) "Land use permit" means a permit issued by a land use authority.
327	(29) "Land use regulation":
328	(a) means a legislative decision enacted by ordinance, law, code, map, resolution,
329	specification, fee, or rule that governs the use or development of land;
330	(b) includes the adoption or amendment of a zoning map or the text of the zoning code;
331	and
332	(c) does not include:
333	(i) a land use decision of the legislative body acting as the land use authority, even if
334	the decision is expressed in a resolution or ordinance; or
335	(ii) a temporary revision to an engineering specification that does not materially:

336	(A) increase a land use applicant's cost of development compared to the existing
337	specification; or
338	(B) impact a land use applicant's use of land.
339	(30) "Legislative body" means the municipal council.
340	(31) "Local district" means an entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local
341	Government Entities - Local Districts, and any other governmental or quasi-governmental
342	entity that is not a county, municipality, school district, or the state.
343	(32) "Local historic district or area" means a geographically definable area that:
344	(a) contains any combination of buildings, structures, sites, objects, landscape features,
345	archeological sites, or works of art that contribute to the historic preservation goals of a
346	legislative body; and
347	(b) is subject to land use regulations to preserve the historic significance of the local
348	historic district or area.
349	(33) "Lot" means a tract of land, regardless of any label, that is created by and shown
350	on a subdivision plat that has been recorded in the office of the county recorder.
351	[(33)] (34) (a) "Lot line adjustment" means [the] a relocation of [the property] a lot line
352	boundary [line in a subdivision] between [two] adjoining lots, whether or not the lots are
353	located in the same subdivision, in accordance with Section 10-9a-608, with the consent of the
354	owners of record.
355	(b) "Lot line adjustment" does not mean a relocation of a lot line boundary that:
356	(i) creates an additional lot; or
357	(ii) constitutes a subdivision.
358	[(34)] (35) "Moderate income housing" means housing occupied or reserved for
359	occupancy by households with a gross household income equal to or less than 80% of the
360	median gross income for households of the same size in the county in which the city is located.
361	(36) "Municipal utility easement" means an easement that:
362	(a) a plat recorded in a county recorder's office described as a municipal utility
363	easement, public utility easement as defined in Subsection 54-3-27(1)(b), or otherwise as a
364	utility easement;
365	(b) is not a protected utility easement as defined in Subsection 54-3-27(1)(a);
366	(c) the municipality or the municipality's affiliated governmental entity owns or

367	creates; and
368	(d) (i) either:
369	(A) no person uses or occupies; or
370	(B) the municipality or the municipality's affiliated governmental entity uses and
371	occupies to provide a utility service, including sanitary sewer, culinary water, electrical, storm
372	water, or communications or data lines; or
373	(ii) a person uses or occupies with or without an authorized franchise or other
374	agreement with the municipality.
375	[(35)] (37) "Nominal fee" means a fee that reasonably reimburses a municipality only
376	for time spent and expenses incurred in:
377	(a) verifying that building plans are identical plans; and
378	(b) reviewing and approving those minor aspects of identical plans that differ from the
379	previously reviewed and approved building plans.
380	[(36)] (38) "Noncomplying structure" means a structure that:
381	(a) legally existed before its current land use designation; and
382	(b) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
383	to the setback, height restrictions, or other regulations, excluding those regulations, which
384	govern the use of land.
385	[(37)] (39) "Nonconforming use" means a use of land that:
386	(a) legally existed before its current land use designation;
387	(b) has been maintained continuously since the time the land use ordinance governing
388	the land changed; and
389	(c) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
390	to the regulations that now govern the use of the land.
391	[(38)] (40) "Official map" means a map drawn by municipal authorities and recorded in
392	a county recorder's office that:
393	(a) shows actual and proposed rights-of-way, centerline alignments, and setbacks for
394	highways and other transportation facilities;
395	(b) provides a basis for restricting development in designated rights-of-way or between
396	designated setbacks to allow the government authorities time to purchase or otherwise reserve
397	the land; and

398	(c) has been adopted as an element of the municipality's general plan.
399	(41) "Parcel" means any real property that is not a lot created by and shown on a
400	subdivision plat recorded in the office of the county recorder.
401	[(39)] (42) (a) "Parcel boundary adjustment" means a recorded agreement between
402	owners of adjoining [properties] parcels adjusting [their] the mutual boundary, either by deed
403	or by a boundary line agreement in accordance with Section 57-1-45, if[: (a)] no additional
404	parcel is created[;] and:
405	[(b)] (i) [each] none of the property identified in the agreement is [unsubdivided land,
406	including a remainder of] subdivided land[-]; or
407	(ii) the adjustment is to the boundaries of a single person's parcels.
408	(b) "Parcel boundary adjustment" does not mean an adjustment of a parcel boundary
409	line that:
410	(i) creates an additional parcel; or
411	(ii) constitutes a subdivision.
412	[(40)] (43) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, organization,
413	association, trust, governmental agency, or any other legal entity.
414	[(41)] (44) "Plan for moderate income housing" means a written document adopted by
415	a city legislative body that includes:
416	(a) an estimate of the existing supply of moderate income housing located within the
417	city;
418	(b) an estimate of the need for moderate income housing in the city for the next five
419	years as revised biennially;
420	(c) a survey of total residential land use;
421	(d) an evaluation of how existing land uses and zones affect opportunities for moderate
422	income housing; and
423	(e) a description of the city's program to encourage an adequate supply of moderate
424	income housing.
425	[(42)] (45) "Plat" means a map or other graphical representation of lands [being laid
426	out and prepared] that a licensed professional land surveyor makes and prepares in accordance
427	with Section 10-9a-603, 17-23-17, <u>57-1-45</u> , or 57-8-13.
428	[(43)] (46) "Potential geologic hazard area" means an area that:

129	(a) is designated by a Utah Geological Survey map, county geologist map, or other
430	relevant map or report as needing further study to determine the area's potential for geologic
431	hazard; or
432	(b) has not been studied by the Utah Geological Survey or a county geologist but
433	presents the potential of geologic hazard because the area has characteristics similar to those of
434	a designated geologic hazard area.
435	[(44)] <u>(47)</u> "Public agency" means:
436	(a) the federal government;
437	(b) the state;
438	(c) a county, municipality, school district, local district, special service district, or other
139	political subdivision of the state; or
440	(d) a charter school.
441	[(45)] (48) "Public hearing" means a hearing at which members of the public are
142	provided a reasonable opportunity to comment on the subject of the hearing.
143	[(46)] (49) "Public meeting" means a meeting that is required to be open to the public
144	under Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.
145	(50) "Public street" means a public right-of-way, including a public highway, public
146	avenue, public boulevard, public parkway, public road, public lane, public trail or walk, public
147	alley, public viaduct, public subway, public tunnel, public bridge, public byway, other public
148	transportation easement, or other public way.
149	[(47)] (51) "Receiving zone" means an area of a municipality that the municipality
450	designates, by ordinance, as an area in which an owner of land may receive a transferable
451	development right.
452	[(48)] (52) "Record of survey map" means a map of a survey of land prepared in
453	accordance with Section <u>10-9a-603</u> , 17-23-17, <u>17-27a-603</u> , or <u>57-8-13</u> .
154	[(49)] (53) "Residential facility for persons with a disability" means a residence:
455	(a) in which more than one person with a disability resides; and
456	(b) (i) which is licensed or certified by the Department of Human Services under Title
457	62A, Chapter 2, Licensure of Programs and Facilities; or
458	(ii) which is licensed or certified by the Department of Health under Title 26, Chapter
459	21, Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.

460	$\left[\frac{(50)}{(54)}\right]$ "Rules of order and procedure" means a set of rules that govern and
461	prescribe in a public meeting:
462	(a) parliamentary order and procedure;
463	(b) ethical behavior; and
464	(c) civil discourse.
465	[(51)] (55) "Sanitary sewer authority" means the department, agency, or public entity
466	with responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of sanitary sewer services or onsite
467	wastewater systems.
468	[(52)] (56) "Sending zone" means an area of a municipality that the municipality
469	designates, by ordinance, as an area from which an owner of land may transfer a transferable
470	development right.
471	[(53)] <u>(57)</u> "Specified public agency" means:
472	(a) the state;
473	(b) a school district; or
474	(c) a charter school.
475	[(54)] (58) "Specified public utility" means an electrical corporation, gas corporation,
476	or telephone corporation, as those terms are defined in Section 54-2-1.
477	[(55)] (59) "State" includes any department, division, or agency of the state.
478	[(56) "Street" means a public right-of-way, including a highway, avenue, boulevard,
479	parkway, road, lane, walk, alley, viaduct, subway, tunnel, bridge, public easement, or other
480	way.]
481	(60) "Subdivided land" means the land, tract, or lot described in a recorded subdivision
482	plat.
483	[(57)] (61) (a) "Subdivision" means any land that is divided, resubdivided, or proposed
484	to be divided into two or more lots[, parcels, sites, units, plots,] or other division of land for the
485	purpose, whether immediate or future, for offer, sale, lease, or development either on the
486	installment plan or upon any and all other plans, terms, and conditions.
487	(b) "Subdivision" includes:
488	(i) the division or development of land whether by deed, metes and bounds description,
489	devise and testacy, map, plat, or other recorded instrument, regardless of whether the division
490	includes all or a portion of a parcel or lot; and

491	(ii) except as provided in Subsection $\left[\frac{(57)}{(57)}\right]$ (61)(c), divisions of land for residential and
492	nonresidential uses, including land used or to be used for commercial, agricultural, and
493	industrial purposes.
494	(c) "Subdivision" does not include:
495	(i) a bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for the purpose of joining one of
496	the resulting separate parcels to a contiguous parcel of unsubdivided agricultural land, if
497	neither the resulting combined parcel nor the parcel remaining from the division or partition
498	violates an applicable land use ordinance;
499	(ii) [a recorded] an agreement recorded with the county recorder's office between
500	owners of adjoining unsubdivided properties adjusting [their] the mutual boundary by a
501	boundary line agreement in accordance with Section 57-1-45 if:
502	(A) no new lot is created; and
503	(B) the adjustment does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
504	(iii) a recorded document, executed by the owner of record:
505	(A) revising the legal description of more than one contiguous [unsubdivided] parcel of
506	property that is not subdivided land into one legal description encompassing all such parcels of
507	property; or
508	(B) joining a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has not
509	been subdivided, if the joinder does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
510	(iv) [a recorded] an agreement between owners of adjoining subdivided properties
511	adjusting [their] the mutual lot line boundary in accordance with Section 10-9a-603 if:
512	(A) no new dwelling lot or housing unit will result from the adjustment; and
513	(B) the adjustment will not violate any applicable land use ordinance;
514	(v) a bona fide division or partition of land by deed or other instrument where the land
515	use authority expressly approves in writing the division in anticipation of further land use
516	approvals on the parcel or parcels; [or]
517	(vi) a parcel boundary adjustment[:];
518	(vii) a lot line adjustment;
519	(viii) a road, street, or highway dedication plat; or
520	(ix) a deed or easement for a road, street, or highway purpose.
521	(d) The joining of a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has

522	not been subdivided does not constitute a subdivision under this Subsection (57) as to the	
523	unsubdivided parcel of property or subject the unsubdivided parcel to the municipality's	
524	subdivision ordinance.	
525	[(58)] (62) "Suspect soil" means soil that has:	
526	(a) a high susceptibility for volumetric change, typically clay rich, having more than a	
527	3% swell potential;	
528	(b) bedrock units with high shrink or swell susceptibility; or	
529	(c) gypsiferous silt and clay, gypsum, or bedrock units containing abundant gypsum	
530	commonly associated with dissolution and collapse features.	
531	[(59)] (63) "Therapeutic school" means a residential group living facility:	
532	(a) for four or more individuals who are not related to:	
533	(i) the owner of the facility; or	
534	(ii) the primary service provider of the facility;	
535	(b) that serves students who have a history of failing to function:	
536	(i) at home;	
537	(ii) in a public school; or	
538	(iii) in a nonresidential private school; and	
539	(c) that offers:	
540	(i) room and board; and	
541	(ii) an academic education integrated with:	
542	(A) specialized structure and supervision; or	
543	(B) services or treatment related to a disability, an emotional development, a	
544	behavioral development, a familial development, or a social development.	
545	[(60)] (64) "Transferable development right" means a right to develop and use land that	
546	originates by an ordinance that authorizes a land owner in a designated sending zone to transfer	
547	land use rights from a designated sending zone to a designated receiving zone.	
548	[(61)] (65) "Unincorporated" means the area outside of the incorporated area of a city	
549	or town.	
550	[(62)] (66) "Water interest" means any right to the beneficial use of water, including:	
551	(a) each of the rights listed in Section 73-1-11; and	
552	(b) an ownership interest in the right to the beneficial use of water represented by:	

553	(1) a contract; or
554	(ii) a share in a water company, as defined in Section 73-3-3.5.
555	[(63)] (67) "Zoning map" means a map, adopted as part of a land use ordinance, that
556	depicts land use zones, overlays, or districts.
557	Section 3. Section 10-9a-104 is amended to read:
558	10-9a-104. Municipal standards.
559	(1) [Except as provided in Subsection (2), a municipality may enact a land use
560	regulation imposing stricter requirements or higher standards than are required by this chapter.]
561	This chapter does not prohibit a municipality from adopting the municipality's own land use
562	standards.
563	(2) [A] Notwithstanding Subsection (1), a municipality may not impose a requirement,
564	regulation, condition, or standard that conflicts with a provision of this chapter, other state law,
565	or federal law.
566	Section 4. Section 10-9a-208 is amended to read:
567	10-9a-208. Hearing and notice for petition to vacate a public street.
568	(1) For any [proposal] petition to vacate some or all of a public street[, right-of-way, or
569	easement,] the legislative body shall:
570	(a) hold a public hearing; and
571	(b) give notice of the date, place, and time of the hearing, as provided in Subsection
572	(2).
573	(2) At least 10 days before the public hearing under Subsection (1)(a), the legislative
574	body shall ensure that the notice required under Subsection (1)(b) [shall be] is:
575	(a) mailed to the record owner of each parcel that is accessed by the public street[;
576	right-of-way, or easement];
577	(b) mailed to each affected entity;
578	(c) posted on or near the <u>public</u> street[, <u>right-of-way</u> , or <u>easement</u>] in a manner that is
579	calculated to alert the public; and
580	(d) (i) published [in a newspaper of general circulation in] on the website of the
581	municipality in which the land subject to the petition is located until the public hearing
582	concludes; and
583	(ii) published on the Utah Public Notice Website created in Section 63F-1-701.

584	Section 5. Section 10-9a-302 is amended to read:
585	10-9a-302. Planning commission powers and duties.
586	(1) The planning commission shall make a recommendation to the legislative body for:
587	[(1)] (a) a general plan and amendments to the general plan;
588	$\left[\frac{(2)}{(b)}\right]$ land use regulations;
589	[(3)] (c) an appropriate delegation of power to at least one designated land use
590	authority to hear and act on a land use application;
591	[(4)] (d) an appropriate delegation of power to at least one appeal authority to hear and
592	act on an appeal from a decision of the land use authority; and
593	[(5)] <u>(e)</u> application processes that:
594	[(a)] (i) may include a designation of routine land use matters that, upon application
595	and proper notice, will receive informal streamlined review and action if the application is
596	uncontested; and
597	[(b)] (ii) shall protect the right of each:
598	[(i)] (A) applicant and third party to require formal consideration of any application by
599	a land use authority;
600	[(ii)] (B) applicant, adversely affected party, or municipal officer or employee to appeal
601	a land use authority's decision to a separate appeal authority; and
602	[(iii)] (C) participant to be heard in each public hearing on a contested application.
603	(2) Nothing in this section limits the right of a municipality to initiate or propose the
604	actions described in this section.
605	Section 6. Section 10-9a-501 is amended to read:
606	10-9a-501. Enactment of land use regulation.
607	(1) Only a legislative body, as the body authorized to weigh policy considerations, may
608	enact a land use regulation.
609	(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a legislative body may enact a land use
610	regulation only by ordinance.
611	(b) A legislative body may, by ordinance or resolution, enact a land use regulation that
612	imposes a fee.
613	(3) A <u>legislative body shall ensure that a land use regulation [shall be] is</u> consistent
614	with the purposes set forth in this chapter.

615	(4) (a) A legislative body shall adopt a land use regulation to:
616	(i) create or amend a zoning district under Subsection 10-9a-503(1)(a); and
617	(ii) designate general uses allowed in each zoning district.
618	(b) A land use authority may establish or modify other restrictions or requirements
619	other than those described in Subsection (4)(a), including the configuration or modification of
620	uses or density, through a land use decision that applies criteria or policy elements that a land
621	use regulation establishes or describes.
622	Section 7. Section 10-9a-502 is amended to read:
623	10-9a-502. Preparation and adoption of land use regulation.
624	(1) [The] A planning commission shall:
625	(a) provide notice as required by Subsection 10-9a-205(1)(a) and, if applicable,
626	Subsection 10-9a-205(4);
627	(b) hold a public hearing on a proposed land use regulation;
628	(c) if applicable, consider each written objection filed in accordance with Subsection
629	10-9a-205(4) prior to the public hearing; and
630	(d) (i) [prepare] review and recommend to the legislative body a proposed land use
631	regulation that represents the planning commission's recommendation for regulating the use
632	and development of land within all or any part of the area of the municipality; and
633	(ii) forward to the legislative body all objections filed in accordance with Subsection
634	10-9a-205(4).
635	(2) (a) [The] \underline{A} legislative body shall consider each proposed land use regulation
636	[recommended to the legislative body by] that the planning commission[, and, after]
637	recommends to the legislative body.
638	(b) After providing notice as required by Subsection 10-9a-205(1)(b) and holding a
639	public meeting, the legislative body may adopt or reject the land use regulation [either]
640	described in Subsection (2)(a):
641	(i) as proposed by the planning commission; or
642	(ii) after making any revision the legislative body considers appropriate.
643	(c) A legislative body may consider a planning commission's failure to make a timely
644	recommendation as a negative recommendation if the legislative body has provided for that
645	consideration by ordinance.

646	Section 8. Section 10-9a-503 is amended to read:
647	10-9a-503. Land use ordinance or zoning map amendments Historic district or
648	area.
649	(1) Only a legislative body may amend:
650	(a) the number, shape, boundaries, [or] area, or general uses of any zoning district;
651	(b) any regulation of or within the zoning district; or
652	(c) any other provision of a land use regulation.
653	(2) [The] \underline{A} legislative body may not make any amendment authorized by this section
654	unless the legislative body first submits the amendment [was proposed by the planning
655	commission or was first submitted] to the planning commission for [its] the planning
656	commission's recommendation.
657	(3) [The] \underline{A} legislative body shall comply with the procedure specified in Section
658	10-9a-502 in preparing and adopting an amendment to a land use regulation.
659	(4) (a) As used in this Subsection (4):
660	(i) "Citizen-led process" means a process established by a municipality to create a local
661	historic district or area that requires:
662	(A) a petition signed by a minimum number of property owners within the boundaries
663	of the proposed local historic district or area; or
664	(B) a vote of the property owners within the boundaries of the proposed local historic
665	district or area.
666	(ii) "Condominium project" means the same as that term is defined in Section 57-8-3.
667	(iii) "Unit" means the same as that term is defined in Section 57-8-3.
668	(b) If a municipality provides a citizen-led process, the process shall require that:
669	(i) more than 33% of the property owners within the boundaries of the proposed local
670	historic district or area agree in writing to the creation of the proposed local historic district or
671	area;
672	(ii) before any property owner agrees to the creation of a proposed local historic district
673	or area under Subsection (4)(b)(i), the municipality prepare and distribute, to each property
674	owner within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area, a neutral
675	information pamphlet that:
676	(A) describes the process to create a local historic district or area; and

(B) lists the pros and co	ons of a local historic district or area;
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- (iii) after the property owners satisfy the requirement described in Subsection (4)(b)(i), for each parcel or, if the parcel contains a condominium project, each unit, within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area, the municipality provide:
- (A) a second copy of the neutral information pamphlet described in Subsection (4)(b)(ii); and
- (B) one public support ballot that, subject to Subsection (4)(c), allows the owner or owners of record to vote in favor of or against the creation of the proposed local historic district or area;
- (iv) in a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B), the returned public support ballots that reflect a vote in favor of the creation of the proposed local historic district or area:
 - (A) equal at least two-thirds of the returned public support ballots; and
- (B) represent more than 50% of the parcels and units within the proposed local historic district or area;
- (v) if a local historic district or area proposal fails in a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B), the legislative body may override the vote and create the proposed local historic district or area with an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the legislative body; and
- (vi) if a local historic district or area proposal fails in a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B) and the legislative body does not override the vote under Subsection (4)(b)(v), a resident may not initiate the creation of a local historic district or area that includes more than 50% of the same property as the failed local historic district or area proposal for four years after the day on which the public support ballots for the vote are due.
 - (c) In a vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B):
- (i) a property owner is eligible to vote regardless of whether the property owner is an individual, a private entity, or a public entity;
 - (ii) the municipality shall count no more than one public support ballot for:
 - (A) each parcel within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area; or
- (B) if the parcel contains a condominium project, each unit within the boundaries of the proposed local historic district or area; and
 - (iii) if a parcel or unit has more than one owner of record, the municipality shall count

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- a public support ballot for the parcel or unit only if the public support ballot reflects the vote of the property owners who own at least a 50% interest in the parcel or unit.
 - (d) The requirements described in Subsection (4)(b)(iv) apply to the creation of a local historic district or area that is:
 - (i) initiated in accordance with a municipal process described in Subsection (4)(b); and
- 713 (ii) not complete on or before January 1, 2016.
- 714 (e) A vote described in Subsection (4)(b)(iii)(B) is not subject to Title 20A, Election 715 Code.
 - Section 9. Section 10-9a-507 is amended to read:
 - 10-9a-507. Conditional uses.
 - (1) (a) A municipality may adopt a land use ordinance that includes conditional uses and provisions for conditional uses that require compliance with standards set forth in an applicable ordinance.
 - (b) A municipality may not impose a requirement or standard on a conditional use that conflicts with a provision of this chapter or other state or federal law.
 - (2) (a) (i) A land use authority shall approve a conditional use if reasonable conditions are proposed, or can be imposed, to mitigate the reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of the proposed use in accordance with applicable standards.
 - (ii) The requirement described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) to reasonably mitigate anticipated detrimental effects of the proposed conditional use does not require elimination of the detrimental effects.
 - (b) If a land use authority proposes reasonable conditions on a proposed conditional use, the land use authority shall ensure that the conditions are stated on the record and reasonably relate to mitigating the anticipated detrimental effects of the proposed use.
 - (c) If the reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of a proposed conditional use cannot be substantially mitigated by the proposal or the imposition of reasonable conditions to achieve compliance with applicable standards, the land use authority may deny the conditional use.
 - (3) A land use authority's decision to approve or deny conditional use is an administrative land use decision.
 - (4) A legislative body shall classify any use that a land use regulation allows in a

zoning district as either a permitted or conditional use under this chapter.
Section 10. Section 10-9a-509 is amended to read:
10-9a-509. Applicant's entitlement to land use application approval
Municipality's requirements and limitations Vesting upon submission of development
plan and schedule.
(1) (a) (i) An applicant who has submitted a complete land use application as described
in Subsection (1)(c), including the payment of all application fees, is entitled to substantive
review of the application under the land use regulations:
(A) in effect on the date that the application is complete; and
(B) applicable to the application or to the information shown on the application.
(ii) An applicant is entitled to approval of a land use application if the application
conforms to the requirements of the applicable land use regulations, land use decisions, and
development standards in effect when the applicant submits a complete application and pays
application fees, unless:
(A) the land use authority, on the record, formally finds that a compelling,
countervailing public interest would be jeopardized by approving the application and specifies
the compelling, countervailing public interest in writing; or
(B) in the manner provided by local ordinance and before the applicant submits the
application, the municipality formally initiates proceedings to amend the municipality's land
use regulations in a manner that would prohibit approval of the application as submitted.
(b) The municipality shall process an application without regard to proceedings the
municipality initiated to amend the municipality's ordinances as described in Subsection
(1)(a)(ii)(B) if:
(i) 180 days have passed since the municipality initiated the proceedings; and
(ii) the proceedings have not resulted in an enactment that prohibits approval of the
application as submitted.
(c) A land use application is considered submitted and complete when the applicant
provides the application in a form that complies with the requirements of applicable ordinances
and pays all applicable fees.

(d) The continuing validity of an approval of a land use application is conditioned upon

the applicant proceeding after approval to implement the approval with reasonable diligence.

770	(e) A municipality may not impose on an applicant who has submitted a complete	
771	application [for preliminary subdivision approval] a requirement that is not expressed in:	
772	(i) this chapter;	
773	(ii) a municipal ordinance; or	
774	(iii) a municipal specification for public improvements applicable to a subdivision or	
775	development that is in effect on the date that the applicant submits an application.	
776	(f) A municipality may not impose on a holder of an issued land use permit or a final,	
777	unexpired subdivision plat a requirement that is not expressed:	
778	(i) in a land use permit;	
779	(ii) on the subdivision plat;	
780	(iii) in a document on which the land use permit or subdivision plat is based;	
781	(iv) in the written record evidencing approval of the land use permit or subdivision	
782	plat;	
783	(v) in this chapter; or	
784	(vi) in a municipal ordinance.	
785	(g) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (1)(h), a municipality may not withhold	
786	issuance of a certificate of occupancy or acceptance of subdivision improvements because of an	
787	applicant's failure to comply with a requirement that is not expressed:	
788	(i) in the building permit or subdivision plat, documents on which the building permit	
789	or subdivision plat is based, or the written record evidencing approval of the land use permit or	
790	subdivision plat; or	
791	(ii) in this chapter or the municipality's ordinances.	
792	(h) A municipality may not unreasonably withhold issuance of a certificate of	
793	occupancy where an applicant has met all requirements essential for the public health, public	
794	safety, and general welfare of the occupants, in accordance with this chapter, unless:	
795	(i) the applicant and the municipality have agreed in a written document to the	
796	withholding of a certificate of occupancy; or	
797	(ii) the applicant has not provided a financial assurance for required and uncompleted	
798	landscaping or infrastructure improvements in accordance with an applicable ordinance that the	
799	legislative body adopts under this chapter.	
800	(2) A municipality is bound by the terms and standards of applicable land use	

regulations and shall comply with mandatory provisions of those regulations.

- (3) A municipality may not, as a condition of land use application approval, require a person filing a land use application to obtain documentation regarding a school district's willingness, capacity, or ability to serve the development proposed in the land use application.
- (4) Upon a specified public agency's submission of a development plan and schedule as required in Subsection 10-9a-305(8) that complies with the requirements of that subsection, the specified public agency vests in the municipality's applicable land use maps, zoning map, hookup fees, impact fees, other applicable development fees, and land use regulations in effect on the date of submission.
 - Section 11. Section 10-9a-509.5 is amended to read:
- 10-9a-509.5. Review for application completeness -- Substantive application review -- Reasonable diligence required for determination of whether improvements or warranty work meets standards -- Money damages claim prohibited.
- (1) (a) Each municipality shall, in a timely manner, determine whether [an] a land use application is complete for the purposes of subsequent, substantive land use authority review.
- (b) After a reasonable period of time to allow the municipality diligently to evaluate whether all objective ordinance-based application criteria have been met, if application fees have been paid, the applicant may in writing request that the municipality provide a written determination either that the application is:
- (i) complete for the purposes of allowing subsequent, substantive land use authority review; or
- (ii) deficient with respect to a specific, objective, ordinance-based application requirement.
- (c) Within 30 days of receipt of an applicant's request under this section, the municipality shall either:
- (i) mail a written notice to the applicant advising that the application is deficient with respect to a specified, objective, ordinance-based criterion, and stating that the application shall be supplemented by specific additional information identified in the notice; or
- (ii) accept the application as complete for the purposes of further substantive processing by the land use authority.
 - (d) If the notice required by Subsection (1)(c)(i) is not timely mailed, the application

shall be considered complete, for purposes of further substantive land use authority review.

- (e) (i) The applicant may raise and resolve in a single appeal any determination made under this Subsection (1) to the appeal authority, including an allegation that a reasonable period of time has elapsed under Subsection (1)(a).
- (ii) The appeal authority shall issue a written decision for any appeal requested under this Subsection (1)(e).
- (f) (i) The applicant may appeal to district court the decision of the appeal authority made under Subsection (1)(e).
- (ii) Each appeal under Subsection (1)(f)(i) shall be made within 30 days of the date of the written decision.
- (2) (a) Each land use authority shall substantively review a complete application and an application considered complete under Subsection (1)(d), and shall approve or deny each application with reasonable diligence, subject to the time limit under Subsection 11-58-402.5(2) for an inland port use application, as defined in Section 11-58-401.
- (b) After a reasonable period of time to allow the land use authority to consider an application, the applicant may in writing request that the land use authority take final action within 45 days from date of service of the written request.
- (c) Within 45 days from the date of service of the written request described in Subsection (2)(b):
- (i) [The] except as provided in Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the land use authority shall take final action, approving or denying the application [within 45 days of the written request.]; and
- (ii) if a landowner petitions for a land use regulation, a legislative body shall take final action by approving or denying the petition.
- (d) If the land use authority denies an application processed under the mandates of Subsection (2)(b), or if the applicant has requested a written decision in the application, the land use authority shall include its reasons for denial in writing, on the record, which may include the official minutes of the meeting in which the decision was rendered.
- (e) If the land use authority fails to comply with Subsection (2)(c), the applicant may appeal this failure to district court within 30 days of the date on which the land use authority is required to take final action under Subsection (2)(c).
 - (3) (a) With reasonable diligence, each land use authority shall determine whether the

installation of required subdivision improvements or the performance of warranty work meets
the municipality's adopted standards.

- (b) (i) An applicant may in writing request the land use authority to accept or reject the applicant's installation of required subdivision improvements or performance of warranty work.
- (ii) The land use authority shall accept or reject subdivision improvements within 15 days after receiving an applicant's written request under Subsection (3)(b)(i), or as soon as practicable after that 15-day period if inspection of the subdivision improvements is impeded by winter weather conditions.
- (iii) The land use authority shall accept or reject the performance of warranty work within 45 days after receiving an applicant's written request under Subsection (3)(b)(i), or as soon as practicable after that 45-day period if inspection of the warranty work is impeded by winter weather conditions.
- (c) If a land use authority determines that the installation of required subdivision improvements or the performance of warranty work does not meet the municipality's adopted standards, the land use authority shall comprehensively and with specificity list the reasons for [its] the land use authority's determination.
- (4) Subject to Section 10-9a-509, nothing in this section and no action or inaction of the land use authority relieves an applicant's duty to comply with all applicable substantive ordinances and regulations.
 - (5) There shall be no money damages remedy arising from a claim under this section. Section 12. Section 10-9a-601 is amended to read:

10-9a-601. Enactment of subdivision ordinance.

- (1) The legislative body of a municipality may enact ordinances requiring that a subdivision plat comply with the provisions of the [ordinance] municipality's ordinances and this part before:
- (a) [it] the subdivision plat may be filed [or] and recorded in the county recorder's office; and
 - (b) lots may be sold.
- (2) If the legislative body fails to enact a subdivision ordinance, the municipality may regulate subdivisions only to the extent provided in this part.
 - Section 13. Section **10-9a-602** is amended to read:

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894 10-9a-602. Planning commission preparation and recommendation of subdivision 895 ordinance -- Adoption or rejection by legislative body. 896 (1) [The] A planning commission shall: 897 (a) [prepare and recommend a] review and provide a recommendation to the legislative body on any proposed ordinance [to the legislative body] that regulates the subdivision of land 898 899 in the municipality; 900 (b) [prepare and recommend or consider and recommend a] review and make a 901 recommendation to the legislative body on any proposed ordinance that amends the regulation 902 of the subdivision of the land in the municipality; 903 (c) provide notice consistent with Section 10-9a-205; and 904 (d) hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance before making [its] the planning 905 commission's final recommendation to the legislative body. 906 (2) (a) [The municipal] A legislative body may adopt, modify, revise, or reject [the] an 907 ordinance [either as proposed by] described in Subsection (1) that the planning commission [or 908 after making any revision the legislative body considers appropriate] recommends. 909 (b) A legislative body may consider a planning commission's failure to make a timely recommendation as a negative recommendation if the legislative body has provided for that 910 911 consideration by ordinance. 912 Section 14. Section 10-9a-603 is amended to read: 913 10-9a-603. Plat required when land is subdivided -- Approval of plat -- Owner 914 acknowledgment, surveyor certification, and underground utility facility owner 915 verification of plat -- Recording plat. 916 (1) Unless exempt under Section 10-9a-605 or excluded from the definition of 917 subdivision under Section 10-9a-103, whenever any land is laid out and platted, the owner of 918 the land shall provide an accurate plat that describes or specifies: 919 (a) a subdivision name that is distinct from any subdivision name on a plat recorded in 920 the county recorder's office; 921 (b) the boundaries, course, and dimensions of all of the parcels of ground divided, by 922 their boundaries, course, and extent, whether the owner proposes that any parcel of ground is

intended to be used as a street or for any other public use, and whether any such area is

reserved or proposed for dedication for a public purpose;

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(c) the lot or unit reference, block or building reference, street or site address, street
name or coordinate address, acreage or square footage for all parcels, units, or lots, and length
and width of the blocks and lots intended for sale; and

- (d) every existing right-of-way and easement grant of record for an underground facility, as defined in Section 54-8a-2, and for any other utility facility.
- (2) (a) Subject to Subsections (3), (4), and (5), if the plat conforms to the municipality's ordinances and this part and has been approved by the culinary water authority, the sanitary sewer authority, and the local health department, as defined in Section 26A-1-102, if the local health department and the municipality consider the local health department's approval necessary, the municipality shall approve the plat.
- (b) Municipalities are encouraged to receive a recommendation from the fire authority before approving a plat.
- (c) A municipality may not require that a plat be approved or signed by a person or entity who:
 - (i) is not an employee or agent of the municipality; or
- 940 (ii) does not:
 - (A) have a legal or equitable interest in the property within the proposed subdivision;
 - (B) provide a utility or other service directly to a lot within the subdivision;
 - (C) own an easement or right-of-way adjacent to the proposed subdivision who signs for the purpose of confirming the accuracy of the location of the easement or right-of-way in relation to the plat; or
 - (D) provide culinary public water service whose source protection zone designated as provided in Section 19-4-113 is included, in whole or in part, within the proposed subdivision.
 - (d) For a subdivision application that includes land located within a notification zone, as determined under Subsection [(2)(e)] (2)(f), the land use authority shall:
 - (i) within 20 days after the day on which a complete subdivision application is filed, provide written notice of the application to the canal owner or associated canal operator contact described in:
 - (A) Section 10-9a-211;
- 954 (B) Subsection 73-5-7(2); or
- 955 (C) Subsection (4)(c); and

956	(ii) wait to approve or reject the subdivision application for at least 20 days after the
957	day on which the land use authority mails the notice described in Subsection (2)(d)(i) in order
958	to receive input from the canal owner or associated canal operator, including input regarding:
959	(A) access to the canal;
960	(B) maintenance of the canal;
961	(C) canal protection; and
962	(D) canal safety.
963	(e) When applicable, the subdivision applicant shall comply with Section 73-1-15.5.
964	[(e)] (f) The land use authority shall provide the notice described in Subsection (2)(d)
965	to a canal owner or associated canal operator if:
966	(i) the canal's centerline is located within 100 feet of a proposed subdivision; and
967	(ii) the centerline alignment is available to the land use authority:
968	(A) from information provided by the canal company under Section 10-9a-211, using
969	mapping-grade global positioning satellite units or digitized data from the most recent aerial
970	photo available to the canal owner or associated canal operator;
971	(B) using the state engineer's inventory of canals under Section 73-5-7; or
972	(C) from information provided by a surveyor under Subsection (4)(c).
973	(3) The municipality may withhold an otherwise valid plat approval until the owner of
974	the land provides the legislative body with a tax clearance indicating that all taxes, interest, and
975	penalties owing on the land have been paid.
976	(4) (a) A [plat may not be submitted to a] county recorder [for recording] may not
977	record a plat unless:
978	(i) prior to recordation, the municipality has approved and signed the plat;
979	(ii) each owner of record of land described on the plat has signed the owner's
980	dedication as shown on the plat; and
981	[(ii)] (iii) the signature of each owner described in Subsection $[(4)(a)(i)]$ (4)(a)(ii) is
982	acknowledged as provided by law.
983	(b) The surveyor making the plat shall certify that the surveyor:
984	(i) holds a license in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 22, Professional Engineers and
985	Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act;
986	(ii) has completed a survey of the property described on the plat in accordance with

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987	Section 17-23-17 and has verified all measurements; and
988	(iii) has placed monuments as represented on the plat.
989	(c) (i) To the extent possible, the surveyor shall consult with the owner or operator of
990	an existing or proposed underground facility or utility facility within the proposed subdivision,
991	or a representative designated by the owner or operator, to verify the accuracy of the surveyor's
992	depiction of the:
993	(A) boundary, course, dimensions, and intended use of the public rights-of-way, a
994	public or private easement, or grants of record;
995	(B) location of an existing underground facility and utility facility; and
996	(C) physical restrictions governing the location of the underground facility and utility
997	facility within the subdivision.
998	(ii) The cooperation of an owner or operator under Subsection (4)(c)(i):
999	(A) indicates only that the plat approximates the location of the existing underground
1000	and utility facilities but does not warrant or verify their precise location; and
1001	(B) does not affect a right that the owner or operator has under[:(I)] Title 54, Chapter
1002	8a, Damage to Underground Utility Facilities[; (II)], a recorded easement or right-of-way[;
1003	(III)], the law applicable to prescriptive rights[; or (IV)], or any other provision of law.
1004	(5) (a) [After] Except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), after the plat has been
1005	acknowledged, certified, and approved, the [owner of the land] individual seeking to record the
1006	<u>plat</u> shall, within the time period <u>and manner</u> designated by ordinance, record the plat in the
1007	county recorder's office in the county in which the lands platted and laid out are situated.
1008	(b) $[An owner's] \underline{A}$ failure to record a plat within the time period designated by
1009	ordinance renders the plat voidable.
1010	Section 15. Section 10-9a-604.5 is amended to read:
1011	10-9a-604.5. Subdivision plat recording or development activity before required
1012	infrastructure is completed Improvement completion assurance Improvement
1013	warranty.

- (1) A land use authority shall establish objective inspection standards for acceptance of a landscaping or infrastructure improvement that the land use authority requires.
- (2) (a) Before an applicant conducts any development activity or records a plat, the applicant shall:

1018	(1) complete any required landscaping or infrastructure improvements; or
1019	(ii) post an improvement completion assurance for any required landscaping or
1020	infrastructure improvements.
1021	(b) If an applicant elects to post an improvement completion assurance, the applicant
1022	shall [ensure that the] provide completion assurance for:
1023	(i) [provides for] completion of 100% of the required landscaping or infrastructure
1024	improvements; or
1025	(ii) if the municipality has inspected and accepted a portion of the landscaping or
1026	infrastructure improvements, [provides for completion of] 100% of the incomplete or
1027	unaccepted landscaping or infrastructure improvements.
1028	(c) A municipality shall:
1029	(i) establish a minimum of two acceptable forms of completion assurance;
1030	[(i)] (ii) if an applicant elects to post an improvement completion assurance, allow the
1031	applicant to post an assurance that meets the conditions of this title, and any local ordinances;
1032	[(iii)] (iii) establish a system for the partial release of an improvement completion
1033	assurance as portions of required landscaping or infrastructure improvements are completed
1034	and accepted in accordance with local ordinance; and
1035	[(iii)] (iv) issue or deny a building permit in accordance with Section 10-9a-802 based
1036	on the installation of landscaping or infrastructure improvements.
1037	(d) A municipality may not require an applicant to post an improvement completion
1038	assurance for:
1039	(i) landscaping or an infrastructure improvement that the municipality has previously
1040	inspected and accepted[-];
1041	(ii) infrastructure improvements that are private and not essential or required to meet
1042	the building code, fire code, flood or storm water management provisions, street and access
1043	requirements, or other essential necessary public safety improvements adopted in a land use
1044	regulation; or
1045	(iii) in a municipality where ordinances require all infrastructure improvements within
1046	the area to be private, infrastructure improvements within a development that the municipality
1047	requires to be private.
1048	(3) At any time before a municipality accepts a landscaping or infrastructure

1050	require the applicant to:
1051	(a) execute an improvement warranty for the improvement warranty period; and
1052	(b) post a cash deposit, surety bond, letter of credit, or other similar security, as
1053	required by the municipality, in the amount of up to 10% of the lesser of the:
1054	(i) municipal engineer's original estimated cost of completion; or
1055	(ii) applicant's reasonable proven cost of completion.
1056	(4) When a municipality accepts an improvement completion assurance for
1057	landscaping or infrastructure improvements for a development in accordance with Subsection
1058	(2)(c)[(ii)](ii), the municipality may not deny an applicant a building permit if the development
1059	meets the requirements for the issuance of a building permit under the building code and fire
1060	code.
1061	(5) The provisions of this section do not supersede the terms of a valid development
1062	agreement, an adopted phasing plan, or the state construction code.
1063	Section 16. Section 10-9a-605 is amended to read:
1064	10-9a-605. Exemptions from plat requirement.
1065	(1) Notwithstanding Sections 10-9a-603 and 10-9a-604, [the land use authority] a
1066	municipality may establish a process to approve an administrative land use decision for a
1067	subdivision of 10 lots or less without a plat, by certifying in writing that:
1068	(a) the municipality has provided notice as required by ordinance; and
1069	(b) the proposed subdivision:
1070	(i) is not traversed by the mapped lines of a proposed street as shown in the general
1071	plan [and does not require the dedication of any land for street or other] unless the municipality
1072	has approved the location and dedication of any public street, municipal utility easement, any
1073	other easement, or any other land for public purposes as the municipality's ordinance requires;
1074	(ii) has been approved by the culinary water authority and the sanitary sewer authority;
1075	(iii) is located in a zoned area; and
1076	(iv) conforms to all applicable land use ordinances or has properly received a variance
1077	from the requirements of an otherwise conflicting and applicable land use ordinance.
1078	(2) (a) Subject to Subsection (1), a lot or parcel resulting from a division of agricultura
1079	land is exempt from the plat requirements of Section 10-9a-603 if the lot or parcel:

improvement, and for the duration of each improvement warranty period, the municipality may

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1080 (i) qualifies as land in agricultural use under Section 59-2-502; 1081 (ii) meets the minimum size requirement of applicable land use ordinances; and 1082 (iii) is not used and will not be used for any nonagricultural purpose. 1083 (b) The boundaries of each lot or parcel exempted under Subsection (2)(a) shall be 1084 graphically illustrated on a record of survey map that, after receiving the same approvals as are 1085 required for a plat under Section 10-9a-604, shall be recorded with the county recorder. 1086 (c) If a lot or parcel exempted under Subsection (2)(a) is used for a nonagricultural 1087 purpose, the municipality may require the lot or parcel to comply with the requirements of 1088 Section 10-9a-603. 1089 (3) (a) Documents recorded in the county recorder's office that divide property by a 1090 metes and bounds description do not create an approved subdivision allowed by this part unless 1091 the land use authority's certificate of written approval required by Subsection (1) is attached to 1092 the document. 1093 [(b) The absence of the certificate or written approval required by Subsection (1) does 1094 not:1 1095 [(i) prohibit the county recorder from recording a document; or] 1096 (ii) affect the validity of a recorded document. 1097 [(e)] (b) A document which does not meet the requirements of Subsection (1) may be 1098 corrected by the recording of an affidavit to which the required certificate or written approval is 1099 attached [in accordance] and that complies with Section 57-3-106. 1100 Section 17. Section 10-9a-607 is amended to read: 1101 10-9a-607. Dedication by plat of public streets and other public places. (1) A plat that is signed, dedicated, and acknowledged by each owner of record, and 1102 1103 approved according to the procedures specified in this part, operates, when recorded, as a dedication of all public streets and other public places, and vests the fee of those parcels of land 1104 1105 in the municipality for the public for the uses named or intended in the plat. 1106 (2) The dedication established by this section does not impose liability upon the 1107 municipality for public streets and other public places that are dedicated in this manner but are 1108 unimproved unless:

(a) adequate financial assurance has been provided in accordance with this chapter; and

(b) the municipality has accepted the dedication.

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1111	Section 18. Section 10-9a-608 is amended to read:
1112	10-9a-608. Vacating, altering, or amending a subdivision plat.
1113	(1) (a) A fee owner of land, as shown on the last county assessment roll, in a
1114	subdivision that has been laid out and platted as provided in this part may file a written petition
1115	with the land use authority to have some or all of the plat vacated or amended.
1116	(b) If a petition is filed under Subsection (1)(a), the land use authority shall provide
1117	notice of the petition by mail, email, or other effective means to each affected entity that
1118	provides a service to an owner of record of the portion of the plat that is being vacated or
1119	amended at least 10 calendar days before the land use authority may approve the vacation or
1120	amendment of the plat.
1121	(c) If a petition is filed under Subsection (1)(a), the land use authority shall hold a
1122	public hearing within 45 days after the day on which the petition is filed if:
1123	(i) any owner within the plat notifies the municipality of the owner's objection in
1124	writing within 10 days of mailed notification; or
1125	(ii) a public hearing is required because all of the owners in the subdivision have not
1126	signed the revised plat.
1127	(2) Unless a local ordinance provides otherwise, the public hearing requirement of
1128	Subsection (1)(c) does not apply and a land use authority may consider at a public meeting an
1129	owner's petition to vacate or amend a subdivision plat if:
1130	(a) the petition seeks to:
1131	(i) join two or more of the petitioner fee owner's contiguous lots;
1132	(ii) subdivide one or more of the petitioning fee owner's lots, if the subdivision will not
1133	result in a violation of a land use ordinance or a development condition;
1134	(iii) adjust the lot lines of adjoining lots or parcels if the fee owners of each of the
1135	adjoining lots or parcels join in the petition, regardless of whether the lots or parcels are located
1136	in the same subdivision;
1137	(iv) on a lot owned by the petitioning fee owner, adjust an internal lot restriction
1138	imposed by the local political subdivision; or
1139	(v) alter the plat in a manner that does not change existing boundaries or other

attributes of lots within the subdivision that are not:

(A) owned by the petitioner; or

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1142 (B) designated as a common area; and 1143 (b) notice has been given to adjacent property owners in accordance with any 1144 applicable local ordinance. 1145 (3) Each request to vacate or amend a plat that contains a request to vacate or amend a 1146 public street[, right-of-way, or easement] is also subject to Section 10-9a-609.5. 1147 (4) Each petition to vacate or amend an entire plat or a portion of a plat shall include: (a) the name and address of each owner of record of the land contained in the entire 1148 1149 plat or on that portion of the plat described in the petition; and 1150 (b) the signature of each owner described in Subsection (4)(a) who consents to the 1151 petition. 1152 (5) (a) The owners of record of adjacent parcels that are described by either a metes 1153 and bounds description or by a recorded plat may exchange title to portions of those parcels if 1154 the exchange of title is approved by the land use authority in accordance with Subsection 1155 (5)(b). 1156 (b) The land use authority shall approve an exchange of title under Subsection (5)(a) if 1157 the exchange of title will not result in a violation of any land use ordinance. (c) If an exchange of title is approved under Subsection (5)(b): 1158 1159 (i) a notice of approval shall be recorded in the office of the county recorder which: 1160 (A) is executed by each owner included in the exchange and by the land use authority; 1161 (B) contains an acknowledgment for each party executing the notice in accordance with 1162 the provisions of Title 57, Chapter 2a, Recognition of Acknowledgments Act; and 1163 (C) recites the descriptions of both the original parcels and the parcels created by the 1164 exchange of title; and 1165 (ii) a document of conveyance shall be recorded in the office of the county recorder. 1166 (d) A notice of approval recorded under this Subsection (5) does not act as a 1167 conveyance of title to real property and is not required in order to record a document conveying 1168 title to real property. 1169 (6) (a) The name of a recorded subdivision may be changed by recording an amended 1170 plat making that change, as provided in this section and subject to Subsection (6)(c).

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(b) The surveyor preparing the amended plat shall certify that the surveyor:

(i) holds a license in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 22, Professional Engineers and

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plat that is amended.

1173	Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act;
1174	(ii) has completed a survey of the property described on the plat in accordance with
1175	Section 17-23-17 and has verified all measurements; and
1176	(iii) has placed monuments as represented on the plat.
1177	(c) An owner of land may not submit for recording an amended plat that gives the
1178	subdivision described in the amended plat the same name as a subdivision in a plat already
1179	recorded in the county recorder's office.
1180	(d) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(a), the recording of a declaration or other
1181	document that purports to change the name of a recorded plat is void.
1182	Section 19. Section 10-9a-609 is amended to read:
1183	10-9a-609. Land use authority approval of vacation or amendment of plat
1184	Recording the amended plat.
1185	(1) The land use authority may approve the vacation or amendment of a plat by signing
1186	an amended plat showing the vacation or amendment if the land use authority finds that:
1187	(a) there is good cause for the vacation or amendment; and
1188	(b) no public street[, right-of-way, or easement] has been vacated or amended.
1189	(2) (a) The land use authority shall ensure that the amended plat showing the vacation
1190	or amendment is recorded in the office of the county recorder in which the land is located.
1191	(b) If the amended plat is approved and recorded in accordance with this section, the
1192	recorded plat shall vacate, supersede, and replace any contrary provision in a previously
1193	recorded plat of the same land.
1194	(3) (a) A legislative body may vacate a subdivision or a portion of a subdivision by
1195	recording in the county recorder's office an ordinance describing the subdivision or the portion
1196	being vacated.
1197	(b) The recorded vacating ordinance shall replace a previously recorded plat described
1198	in the vacating ordinance.
1199	(4) An amended plat may not be submitted to the county recorder for recording unless
1200	it is:
1201	(a) signed by the land use authority; and
1202	(b) signed, acknowledged, and dedicated by each owner of record of the portion of the

1204	(5) A management committee may sign and dedicate an amended plat as provided in
1205	Title 57, Chapter 8, Condominium Ownership Act.
1206	(6) A plat may be corrected as provided in Section 57-3-106.
1207	Section 20. Section 10-9a-609.5 is amended to read:
1208	10-9a-609.5. Petition to vacate a public street.
1209	(1) In lieu of vacating some or all of a public street through a plat or amended plat in
1210	accordance with Sections 10-9a-603 through 10-9a-609, a legislative body may approve a
1211	petition to vacate a public street in accordance with this section.
1212	[(1)] (2) A petitioner shall ensure that a petition to vacate some or all of a public
1213	street[, right-of-way, or easement shall include] includes:
1214	(a) the name and address of each owner of record of land that is:
1215	(i) adjacent to the public street[, right-of-way, or easement] between the two nearest
1216	public street intersections; or
1217	(ii) accessed exclusively by or within 300 feet of the public street[, right-of-way, or
1218	easement]; and
1219	(b) the signature of each owner under Subsection $[\frac{(1)(a)}{(2)(a)}]$ who consents to the
1220	vacation.
1221	[(2)] (3) If a petition is submitted containing a request to vacate some or all of a <u>public</u>
1222	street, [right-of-way, or easement,] the legislative body shall hold a public hearing in
1223	accordance with Section 10-9a-208 and determine whether:
1224	(a) good cause exists for the vacation; and
1225	(b) the public interest or any person will be materially injured by the proposed
1226	vacation.
1227	[(3)] (4) The legislative body may adopt an ordinance granting a petition to vacate
1228	some or all of a public street[, right-of-way, or easement] if the legislative body finds that:
1229	(a) good cause exists for the vacation; and
1230	(b) neither the public interest nor any person will be materially injured by the vacation.
1231	[4) [5] If the legislative body adopts an ordinance vacating some or all of a public
1232	street[, right-of-way, or easement,] the legislative body shall ensure that one or both of the
1233	following is recorded in the office of the recorder of the county in which the land is located:
1234	(a) a plat reflecting the vacation; or

1235	(b) $\underline{(i)}$ an ordinance described in Subsection $\underline{(3)}$ $\underline{(4)}$; and
1236	(ii) a legal description of the public street to be vacated.
1237	[(5)] (6) The action of the legislative body vacating some or all of a <u>public</u> street[;
1238	right-of-way, or easement] that has been dedicated to public use:
1239	(a) operates to the extent to which it is vacated, upon the effective date of the recorded
1240	plat or ordinance, as a revocation of the acceptance of and the relinquishment of the
1241	municipality's fee in the vacated street, right-of-way, or easement; and
1242	(b) may not be construed to impair:
1243	(i) any right-of-way or easement of any lot owner; or
1244	(ii) the franchise rights of any public utility.
1245	(7) (a) A municipality may submit a petition and initiate and complete a process to
1246	vacate some or all of a public street.
1247	(b) If a municipality submits a petition and initiates a process under Subsection (7)(a):
1248	(i) the legislative body shall hold a public hearing;
1249	(ii) the petition and process may not apply to or affect a public utility easement, except
1250	to the extent:
1251	(A) the easement is included within the public street; and
1252	(B) the notice to vacate the public street also contains a notice to vacate the easement;
1253	<u>and</u>
1254	(iii) a recorded ordinance to vacate a public street has the same legal effect as vacating
1255	a public street through a recorded plat or amended plat.
1256	Section 21. Section 10-9a-701 is amended to read:
1257	10-9a-701. Appeal authority required Condition precedent to judicial review
1258	Appeal authority duties.
1259	(1) Each municipality adopting a land use ordinance shall, by ordinance, establish one
1260	or more appeal authorities to hear and decide:
1261	(a) requests for variances from the terms of the land use ordinances;
1262	(b) appeals from decisions applying the land use ordinances; and
1263	(c) appeals from a fee charged in accordance with Section 10-9a-510.
1264	(2) As a condition precedent to judicial review, each adversely affected person shall
1265	timely and specifically challenge a land use authority's decision, in accordance with local

1266	ordinance.
1267	(3) An appeal authority:
1268	(a) shall:
1269	(i) act in a quasi-judicial manner; and
1270	(ii) serve as the final arbiter of issues involving the interpretation or application of land
1271	use ordinances, except as provided in Title 11, Chapter 58, Part 4, Appeals to Appeals Panel,
1272	for an appeal of an inland port use appeal decision, as defined in Section 11-58-401; and
1273	(b) may not entertain an appeal of a matter in which the appeal authority, or any
1274	participating member, had first acted as the land use authority.
1275	(4) By ordinance, a municipality may:
1276	(a) designate a separate appeal authority to hear requests for variances than the appeal
1277	authority it designates to hear appeals;
1278	(b) designate one or more separate appeal authorities to hear distinct types of appeals
1279	of land use authority decisions;
1280	(c) require an adversely affected party to present to an appeal authority every theory of
1281	relief that it can raise in district court;
1282	(d) not require an adversely affected party to pursue duplicate or successive appeals
1283	before the same or separate appeal authorities as a condition of the adversely affected party's
1284	duty to exhaust administrative remedies; and
1285	(e) provide that specified types of land use decisions may be appealed directly to the
1286	district court.
1287	(5) If the municipality establishes or, prior to the effective date of this chapter, has
1288	established a multiperson board, body, or panel to act as an appeal authority, at a minimum the
1289	board, body, or panel shall:
1290	(a) notify each of its members of any meeting or hearing of the board, body, or panel;
1291	(b) provide each of its members with the same information and access to municipal
1292	resources as any other member;
1293	(c) convene only if a quorum of its members is present; and
1294	(d) act only upon the vote of a majority of its convened members.
1295	[(6) (a) Each municipality that designates a historic preservation district or area shall,
1296	by ordinance, establish or designate a historic preservation appeal authority.]

1297	[(b) A historic preservation appeal authority shall:]
1298	[(i) be comprised of the members of the governing body;]
1299	[(ii) exercise only administrative authority and act in a quasi-judicial manner; and]
1300	[(iii) hear and decide appeals from administrative decisions of the historic preservation
1301	authority.]
1302	[(c) An applicant appealing an administrative decision of the historic preservation
1303	authority may appeal to either:]
1304	[(i) the historic preservation appeal authority; or]
1305	[(ii) the land use appeal authority established under Subsection (1).]
1306	Section 22. Section 10-9a-707 is amended to read:
1307	10-9a-707. Scope of review of factual matters on appeal Appeal authority
1308	requirements.
1309	(1) A municipality may, by ordinance, designate the scope of review of factual matters
1310	for appeals of land use authority decisions.
1311	(2) If the municipality fails to designate a scope of review of factual matters, the appeal
1312	authority shall review the matter de novo, without deference to the land use authority's
1313	determination of factual matters.
1314	(3) If the scope of review of factual matters is on the record, the appeal authority shall
1315	determine whether the record on appeal includes substantial evidence for each essential finding
1316	of fact.
1317	(4) The appeal authority shall:
1318	(a) determine the correctness of the land use authority's interpretation and application
1319	of the plain meaning of the land use regulations; and
1320	(b) interpret and apply a land use regulation to favor a land use application unless the
1321	land use regulation plainly restricts the land use application.
1322	(5) (a) An appeal authority's land use decision is a quasi-judicial act[, even if the appeal
1323	authority is the].
1324	(b) A legislative body may act as an appeal authority unless both the legislative body
1325	and the appealing party agree to allow a third party to act as the appeal authority.
1326	(6) Only a decision in which a land use authority has applied a land use regulation to a
1327	particular land use application, person, or parcel may be appealed to an appeal authority.

1328	Section 23. Section 10-9a-801 is amended to read:
1329	10-9a-801. No district court review until administrative remedies exhausted
1330	Time for filing Tolling of time Standards governing court review Record on review
1331	Staying of decision.
1332	(1) No person may challenge in district court a land use decision until that person has
1333	exhausted the person's administrative remedies as provided in Part 7, Appeal Authority and
1334	Variances, if applicable.
1335	(2) (a) Any person adversely affected by a final decision made in the exercise of or in
1336	violation of the provisions of this chapter may file a petition for review of the decision with the
1337	district court within 30 days after the decision is final.
1338	(b) (i) The time under Subsection (2)(a) to file a petition is tolled from the date a
1339	property owner files a request for arbitration of a constitutional taking issue with the property
1340	rights ombudsman under Section 13-43-204 until 30 days after:
1341	(A) the arbitrator issues a final award; or
1342	(B) the property rights ombudsman issues a written statement under Subsection
1343	13-43-204(3)(b) declining to arbitrate or to appoint an arbitrator.
1344	(ii) A tolling under Subsection (2)(b)(i) operates only as to the specific constitutional
1345	taking issue that is the subject of the request for arbitration filed with the property rights
1346	ombudsman by a property owner.
1347	(iii) A request for arbitration filed with the property rights ombudsman after the time
1348	under Subsection (2)(a) to file a petition has expired does not affect the time to file a petition.
1349	(3) (a) A court shall:
1350	(i) presume that a land use regulation properly enacted under the authority of this
1351	chapter is valid; and
1352	(ii) determine only whether:
1353	(A) the land use regulation is expressly preempted by, or was enacted contrary to, state
1354	or federal law; and
1355	(B) it is reasonably debatable that the land use regulation is consistent with this
1356	chapter.
1357	(b) A court shall:
1358	(i) presume that a final decision of a land use authority or an appeal authority is valid;

1359	and
1360	(ii) uphold the decision unless the decision is:
1361	(A) arbitrary and capricious; or
1362	(B) illegal.
1363	(c) (i) A decision is arbitrary and capricious if the decision is not supported by
1364	substantial evidence in the record.
1365	(ii) A decision is illegal if the decision is:
1366	(A) based on an incorrect interpretation of a land use regulation; or
1367	(B) contrary to law.
1368	(d) (i) A court may affirm or reverse the decision of a land use authority.
1369	(ii) If the court reverses a denial of a land use application, the court shall remand the
1370	matter to the land use authority with instructions to issue an approval consistent with the court's
1371	decision.
1372	(4) The provisions of Subsection (2)(a) apply from the date on which the municipality
1373	takes final action on a land use application for any adversely affected third party, if the
1374	municipality conformed with the notice provisions of Part 2, Notice, or for any person who had
1375	actual notice of the pending decision.
1376	(5) If the municipality has complied with Section 10-9a-205, a challenge to the
1377	enactment of a land use regulation or general plan may not be filed with the district court more
1378	than 30 days after the enactment.
1379	(6) A challenge to a land use decision is barred unless the challenge is filed within 30
1380	days after the land use decision is final.
1381	(7) (a) The land use authority or appeal authority, as the case may be, shall transmit to
1382	the reviewing court the record of its proceedings, including its minutes, findings, orders, and, if
1383	available, a true and correct transcript of its proceedings.
1384	(b) If the proceeding was recorded, a transcript of that recording is a true and correct
1385	transcript for purposes of this Subsection (7).
1386	(8) (a) (i) If there is a record, the district court's review is limited to the record provided
1387	by the land use authority or appeal authority, as the case may be.
1388	(ii) The court may not accept or consider any evidence outside the record of the land
1389	use authority or appeal authority, as the case may be, unless that evidence was offered to the

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land use authority or appeal authority, respectively, and the court determines that it was improperly excluded.

- (b) If there is no record, the court may call witnesses and take evidence.
- (9) (a) The filing of a petition does not stay the decision of the land use authority or authority appeal authority, as the case may be.
- (b) (i) Before filing a petition under this section or a request for mediation or arbitration of a constitutional taking issue under Section 13-43-204, the aggrieved party may petition the appeal authority to stay its decision.
- (ii) Upon receipt of a petition to stay, the appeal authority may order its decision stayed pending district court review if the appeal authority finds it to be in the best interest of the municipality.
- (iii) After a petition is filed under this section or a request for mediation or arbitration of a constitutional taking issue is filed under Section 13-43-204, the petitioner may seek an injunction staying the appeal authority's decision.
- (10) If the court determines that a party initiated or pursued a challenge to the decision on a land use application in bad faith, the court may award attorney fees.
 - Section 24. Section 10-9a-802 is amended to read:

10-9a-802. Enforcement.

- (1) (a) A municipality or any adversely affected owner of real estate within the municipality in which violations of this chapter or ordinances enacted under the authority of this chapter occur or are about to occur may, in addition to other remedies provided by law, institute:
 - (i) injunctions, mandamus, abatement, or any other appropriate actions; or
 - (ii) proceedings to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove the unlawful building, use, or act.
 - (b) A municipality need only establish the violation to obtain the injunction.
- (2) (a) A municipality may enforce the municipality's ordinance by withholding a building permit.
- (b) It is an infraction to erect, construct, reconstruct, alter, or change the use of any building or other structure within a municipality without approval of a building permit.
- (c) A municipality may not issue a building permit unless the plans of and for the proposed erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, or use fully conform to all

1421	regulations then in effect.
1422	(d) A municipality may not deny an applicant a building permit or certificate of
1423	occupancy because the applicant has not completed an infrastructure improvement:
1424	(i) that is not essential to meet the requirements for the issuance of a building permit or
1425	certificate of occupancy under the building code and fire code; and
1426	(ii) for which the municipality has accepted an improvement completion assurance for
1427	landscaping or infrastructure improvements for the development.
1428	Section 25. Section 17-27a-102 is amended to read:
1429	17-27a-102. Purposes General land use authority.
1430	(1) (a) The purposes of this chapter are to:
1431	(i) provide for the health, safety, and welfare[, and];
1432	(ii) promote the prosperity[-,];
1433	(iii) improve the morals, peace [and], good order, comfort, convenience, and aesthetics
1434	of each county and [its] the counties present and future inhabitants and businesses[, to];
1435	(iv) protect the tax base[, to];
1436	(v) secure economy in governmental expenditures[, to];
1437	(vi) foster the state's agricultural and other industries[, to];
1438	(vii) protect both urban and nonurban development[, to];
1439	(viii) protect and ensure access to sunlight for solar energy devices[, to];
1440	(ix) provide fundamental fairness in land use regulation[, and to];
1441	(x) facilitate orderly growth and allow growth in a variety of housing types; and
1442	(xi) protect property values.
1443	(b) To accomplish the purposes of this chapter, [counties] a county may enact all
1444	ordinances, resolutions, and rules and may enter into other forms of land use controls and
1445	development agreements that [they consider] the county considers necessary or appropriate for
1446	the use and development of land within the unincorporated area of the county or a designated
1447	mountainous planning district, including ordinances, resolutions, rules, restrictive covenants,
1448	easements, and development agreements governing:
1449	<u>(i)</u> uses[,];
1450	(ii) density[;];
1451	(iii) open spaces[,];

1452	(iv) structures[,];
1453	(v) buildings[¬;
1454	(vi) energy-efficiency[-];
1455	(vii) light and air[-;];
1456	(viii) air quality[-,];
1457	(ix) transportation and public or alternative transportation[5];
1458	(x) infrastructure[$\frac{1}{2}$];
1459	(xi) street and building orientation and width requirements[5];
1460	(xii) public facilities[-,];
1461	(xiii) fundamental fairness in land use regulation[7]; and
1462	$\underline{(xiv)}$ considerations of surrounding land uses $[and the]$ \underline{to} balance $[of]$ the foregoing
1463	purposes with a landowner's private property interests[, height and location of vegetation, trees,
1464	and landscaping, unless expressly prohibited by law] and associated statutory and constitutional
1465	protections.
1466	(2) Each county shall comply with the mandatory provisions of this part before any
1467	agreement or contract to provide goods, services, or municipal-type services to any storage
1468	facility or transfer facility for high-level nuclear waste, or greater than class C radioactive
1469	waste, may be executed or implemented.
1470	(3) (a) Any ordinance, resolution, or rule enacted by a county pursuant to its authority
1471	under this chapter shall comply with the state's exclusive jurisdiction to regulate oil and gas
1472	activity, as described in Section 40-6-2.5.
1473	(b) A county may enact an ordinance, resolution, or rule that regulates surface activity
1474	incident to an oil and gas activity if the county demonstrates that the regulation:
1475	(i) is necessary for the purposes of this chapter;
1476	(ii) does not effectively or unduly limit, ban, or prohibit an oil and gas activity; and
1477	(iii) does not interfere with the state's exclusive juridisdciton to regulate oil and gas
1478	activity, as described in Section 40-6-2.5.
1479	Section 26. Section 17-27a-103 is amended to read:
1480	17-27a-103. Definitions.
1481	As used in this chapter:
1482	(1) "Affected entity" means a county, municipality, local district, special service

- district under Title 17D, Chapter 1, Special Service District Act, school district, interlocal cooperation entity established under Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, specified property owner, property owners association, public utility, or the Utah Department of Transportation, if:
 - (a) the entity's services or facilities are likely to require expansion or significant modification because of an intended use of land;
 - (b) the entity has filed with the county a copy of the entity's general or long-range plan; or
 - (c) the entity has filed with the county a request for notice during the same calendar year and before the county provides notice to an affected entity in compliance with a requirement imposed under this chapter.
 - (2) "Appeal authority" means the person, board, commission, agency, or other body designated by ordinance to decide an appeal of a decision of a land use application or a variance.
 - (3) "Billboard" means a freestanding ground sign located on industrial, commercial, or residential property if the sign is designed or intended to direct attention to a business, product, or service that is not sold, offered, or existing on the property where the sign is located.
 - (4) (a) "Charter school" means:
 - (i) an operating charter school;
 - (ii) a charter school applicant that has its application approved by a charter school authorizer in accordance with Title 53G, Chapter 5, Part 3, Charter School Authorization; or
 - (iii) an entity that is working on behalf of a charter school or approved charter applicant to develop or construct a charter school building.
 - (b) "Charter school" does not include a therapeutic school.
 - (5) "Chief executive officer" means the person or body that exercises the executive powers of the county.
 - (6) "Conditional use" means a land use that, because of its unique characteristics or potential impact on the county, surrounding neighbors, or adjacent land uses, may not be compatible in some areas or may be compatible only if certain conditions are required that mitigate or eliminate the detrimental impacts.
 - (7) "Constitutional taking" means a governmental action that results in a taking of

1314	private property so that compensation to the owner of the property is required by the:
1515	(a) Fifth or Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; or
1516	(b) Utah Constitution, Article I, Section 22.
1517	(8) "County utility easement" means an easement that:
1518	(a) a plat recorded in a county recorder's office described as a county utility easement,
1519	public utility easement as defined in Subsection 54-3-27(1)(b), or otherwise as a utility
1520	easement;
1521	(b) is not a protected utility easement as defined in Subsection 54-3-27(1)(a);
1522	(c) the county or the county's affiliated governmental entity owns or creates; and
1523	(d) (i) either:
1524	(A) no person uses or occupies; or
1525	(B) the county or the county's affiliated governmental entity uses and occupies to
1526	provide a utility service, including sanitary sewer, culinary water, electrical, storm water, or
1527	communications or data lines; or
1528	(ii) a person uses or occupies with or without an authorized franchise or other
1529	agreement with the county.
1530	[(8)] (9) "Culinary water authority" means the department, agency, or public entity with
1531	responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of the culinary water system and sources for
1532	the subject property.
1533	[(9)] <u>(10)</u> "Development activity" means:
1534	(a) any construction or expansion of a building, structure, or use that creates additional
1535	demand and need for public facilities;
1536	(b) any change in use of a building or structure that creates additional demand and need
1537	for public facilities; or
1538	(c) any change in the use of land that creates additional demand and need for public
1539	facilities.
1540	$[\frac{(10)}{(11)}]$ (a) "Disability" means a physical or mental impairment that substantially
1541	limits one or more of a person's major life activities, including a person having a record of such
1542	an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment.
1543	(b) "Disability" does not include current illegal use of, or addiction to, any federally
1544	controlled substance, as defined in Section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C.

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1546	[(11)] <u>(12)</u> "Educational facility":
1547	(a) means:
1548	(i) a school district's building at which pupils assemble to receive instruction in a
1549	program for any combination of grades from preschool through grade 12, including
1550	kindergarten and a program for children with disabilities;
1551	(ii) a structure or facility:
1552	(A) located on the same property as a building described in Subsection [(11)(a)(i)]
1553	(12)(a)(i); and
1554	(B) used in support of the use of that building; and
1555	(iii) a building to provide office and related space to a school district's administrative
1556	personnel; and
1557	(b) does not include:
1558	(i) land or a structure, including land or a structure for inventory storage, equipment
1559	storage, food processing or preparing, vehicle storage or maintenance, or similar use that is:
1560	(A) not located on the same property as a building described in Subsection $[(11)(a)(i)]$
1561	(12)(a)(i); and
1562	(B) used in support of the purposes of a building described in Subsection [(11)(a)(i)]
1563	(12)(a)(i); or
1564	(ii) a therapeutic school.
1565	$[\frac{(12)}{(13)}]$ "Fire authority" means the department, agency, or public entity with
1566	responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of fire protection and suppression services
1567	for the subject property.
1568	[(13)] <u>(14)</u> "Flood plain" means land that:
1569	(a) is within the 100-year flood plain designated by the Federal Emergency
1570	Management Agency; or
1571	(b) has not been studied or designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
1572	but presents a likelihood of experiencing chronic flooding or a catastrophic flood event because
1573	the land has characteristics that are similar to those of a 100-year flood plain designated by the
1574	Federal Emergency Management Agency.
1575	$\left[\frac{(14)}{(15)}\right]$ "Gas corporation" has the same meaning as defined in Section 54-2-1.

1576	[(15)] (16) "General plan" means a document that a county adopts that sets forth
1577	general guidelines for proposed future development of:
1578	(a) the unincorporated land within the county; or
1579	(b) for a mountainous planning district, the land within the mountainous planning
1580	district.
1581	[(16)] (17) "Geologic hazard" means:
1582	(a) a surface fault rupture;
1583	(b) shallow groundwater;
1584	(c) liquefaction;
1585	(d) a landslide;
1586	(e) a debris flow;
1587	(f) unstable soil;
1588	(g) a rock fall; or
1589	(h) any other geologic condition that presents a risk:
1590	(i) to life;
1591	(ii) of substantial loss of real property; or
1592	(iii) of substantial damage to real property.
1593	[(17)] (18) "Hookup fee" means a fee for the installation and inspection of any pipe,
1594	line, meter, or appurtenance to connect to a county water, sewer, storm water, power, or other
1595	utility system.
1596	[(18)] (19) "Identical plans" means building plans submitted to a county that:
1597	(a) are clearly marked as "identical plans";
1598	(b) are substantially identical building plans that were previously submitted to and
1599	reviewed and approved by the county; and
1600	(c) describe a building that:
1601	(i) is located on land zoned the same as the land on which the building described in the
1602	previously approved plans is located;
1603	(ii) is subject to the same geological and meteorological conditions and the same law
1604	as the building described in the previously approved plans;
1605	(iii) has a floor plan identical to the building plan previously submitted to and reviewed
1606	and approved by the county; and

1607	(iv) does not require any additional engineering or analysis.
1608	[(19)] (20) "Impact fee" means a payment of money imposed under Title 11, Chapter
1609	36a, Impact Fees Act.
1610	[(20)] (21) "Improvement completion assurance" means a surety bond, letter of credit,
1611	financial institution bond, cash, assignment of rights, lien, or other equivalent security required
1612	by a county to guaranty the proper completion of landscaping or an infrastructure improvement
1613	required as a condition precedent to:
1614	(a) recording a subdivision plat; or
1615	(b) development of a commercial, industrial, mixed use, or multifamily project.
1616	[(21)] (22) "Improvement warranty" means an applicant's unconditional warranty that
1617	the applicant's installed and accepted landscaping or infrastructure improvement:
1618	(a) complies with the county's written standards for design, materials, and
1619	workmanship; and
1620	(b) will not fail in any material respect, as a result of poor workmanship or materials,
1621	within the improvement warranty period.
1622	[(22)] (23) "Improvement warranty period" means a period:
1623	(a) no later than one year after a county's acceptance of required landscaping; or
1624	(b) no later than one year after a county's acceptance of required infrastructure, unless
1625	the county:
1626	(i) determines for good cause that a one-year period would be inadequate to protect the
1627	public health, safety, and welfare; and
1628	(ii) has substantial evidence, on record:
1629	(A) of prior poor performance by the applicant; or
1630	(B) that the area upon which the infrastructure will be constructed contains suspect soil
1631	and the county has not otherwise required the applicant to mitigate the suspect soil.
1632	$[\frac{(23)}{24}]$ "Infrastructure improvement" means permanent infrastructure that is
1633	essential for the public health and safety or that:
1634	(a) is required for human consumption; and
1635	(b) an applicant must install:
1636	[(a)] (i) [pursuant to] in accordance with published installation and inspection
1637	specifications for public improvements; and

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1638	$\left[\frac{(b)}{(11)}\right]$ as a condition of:
1639	[(i)] (A) recording a subdivision plat; [or]
1640	(B) obtaining a building permit; or
1641	[(ii)] (C) [development of] developing a commercial, industrial, mixed use,
1642	condominium, or multifamily project.
1643	[(24)] (25) "Internal lot restriction" means a platted note, platted demarcation, or
1644	platted designation that:
1645	(a) runs with the land; and
1646	(b) (i) creates a restriction that is enclosed within the perimeter of a lot described on
1647	the plat; or
1648	(ii) designates a development condition that is enclosed within the perimeter of a lot
1649	described on the plat.
1650	[(25)] (26) "Interstate pipeline company" means a person or entity engaged in natural
1651	gas transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
1652	under the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 717 et seq.
1653	[(26)] (27) "Intrastate pipeline company" means a person or entity engaged in natural
1654	gas transportation that is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory
1655	Commission under the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 717 et seq.
1656	[(27)] (28) "Land use applicant" means a property owner, or the property owner's
1657	designee, who submits a land use application regarding the property owner's land.
1658	[(28)] <u>(29)</u> "Land use application":
1659	(a) means an application that is:
1660	(i) required by a county; and
1661	(ii) submitted by a land use applicant to obtain a land use decision; and
1662	(b) does not mean an application to enact, amend, or repeal a land use regulation.
1663	$\left[\frac{(29)}{(30)}\right]$ "Land use authority" means:
1664	(a) a person, board, commission, agency, or body, including the local legislative body,
1665	designated by the local legislative body to act upon a land use application; or
1666	(b) if the local legislative body has not designated a person, board, commission,
1667	agency, or body, the local legislative body.
1668	[(30)] (31) "Land use decision" means an administrative decision of a land use

1669	authority approving a land use application that runs with the land in accordance with the terms
1670	of the decision or appeal authority regarding:
1671	(a) a land use permit;
1672	(b) a land use application; or
1673	(c) the enforcement of a land use regulation, land use permit, or development
1674	agreement.
1675	[(31)] (32) "Land use permit" means a permit issued by a land use authority.
1676	[(32)] <u>(33)</u> "Land use regulation":
1677	(a) means a legislative decision enacted by ordinance, law, code, map, resolution,
1678	specification, fee, or rule that governs the use or development of land;
1679	(b) includes the adoption or amendment of a zoning map or the text of the zoning code;
1680	and
1681	(c) does not include:
1682	(i) a land use decision of the legislative body acting as the land use authority, even if
1683	the decision is expressed in a resolution or ordinance; or
1684	(ii) a temporary revision to an engineering specification that does not materially:
1685	(A) increase a land use applicant's cost of development compared to the existing
1686	specification; or
1687	(B) impact a land use applicant's use of land.
1688	[(33)] (34) "Legislative body" means the county legislative body, or for a county that
1689	has adopted an alternative form of government, the body exercising legislative powers.
1690	[(34)] (35) "Local district" means any entity under Title 17B, Limited Purpose Local
1691	Government Entities - Local Districts, and any other governmental or quasi-governmental
1692	entity that is not a county, municipality, school district, or the state.
1693	(36) "Lot" means a tract of land, regardless of any label, that is created by and shown
1694	on a subdivision plat that has been recorded in the office of the county recorder.
1695	[(35)] (37) (a) "Lot line adjustment" means [the] a relocation of [the property] a lot line
1696	boundary [line in a subdivision] between [two] adjoining lots, whether or not the lots are
1697	located in the same subdivision, in accordance with Section 17-27a-608, with the consent of
1698	the owners of record.
1699	(b) "Lot line adjustment" does not mean a relocation of a lot line boundary that:

(i) creates an additional lot; or

1701	(ii) constitutes a subdivision.
1702	[(36)] (38) "Moderate income housing" means housing occupied or reserved for
1703	occupancy by households with a gross household income equal to or less than 80% of the
1704	median gross income for households of the same size in the county in which the housing is
1705	located.
1706	[(37)] (39) "Mountainous planning district" means an area:
1707	(a) designated by a county legislative body in accordance with Section 17-27a-901; and
1708	(b) that is not otherwise exempt under Section 10-9a-304.
1709	[(38)] (40) "Nominal fee" means a fee that reasonably reimburses a county only for
1710	time spent and expenses incurred in:
1711	(a) verifying that building plans are identical plans; and
1712	(b) reviewing and approving those minor aspects of identical plans that differ from the
1713	previously reviewed and approved building plans.
1714	[(39)] <u>(41)</u> "Noncomplying structure" means a structure that:
1715	(a) legally existed before its current land use designation; and
1716	(b) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
1717	to the setback, height restrictions, or other regulations, excluding those regulations that govern
1718	the use of land.
1719	$\left[\frac{(40)}{(42)}\right]$ "Nonconforming use" means a use of land that:
1720	(a) legally existed before its current land use designation;
1721	(b) has been maintained continuously since the time the land use ordinance regulation
1722	governing the land changed; and
1723	(c) because of one or more subsequent land use ordinance changes, does not conform
1724	to the regulations that now govern the use of the land.
1725	[(41)] (43) "Official map" means a map drawn by county authorities and recorded in
1726	the county recorder's office that:
1727	(a) shows actual and proposed rights-of-way, centerline alignments, and setbacks for
1728	highways and other transportation facilities;
1729	(b) provides a basis for restricting development in designated rights-of-way or between
1730	designated setbacks to allow the government authorities time to purchase or otherwise reserve

1/31	the land; and
1732	(c) has been adopted as an element of the county's general plan.
1733	(44) "Parcel" means any real property that is not a lot created by and shown on a
1734	subdivision plat recorded in the office of the county recorder.
1735	[(42)] (45) (a) "Parcel boundary adjustment" means a recorded agreement between
1736	owners of adjoining [properties] parcels adjusting [their] the mutual boundary, either by deed
1737	or by a boundary line agreement in accordance with Section 57-1-45, if[:(a)] no additional
1738	parcel is created[;] and:
1739	[(b)] (i) [each] none of the property identified in the agreement is [unsubdivided land,
1740	including a remainder of] subdivided land[:]; or
1741	(ii) the adjustment is to the boundaries of a single person's parcels.
1742	(b) "Parcel boundary adjustment" does not mean an adjustment of a parcel boundary
1743	line that:
1744	(i) creates an additional parcel; or
1745	(ii) constitutes a subdivision.
1746	[43] (46) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, organization,
1747	association, trust, governmental agency, or any other legal entity.
1748	[(44)] (47) "Plan for moderate income housing" means a written document adopted by
1749	a county legislative body that includes:
1750	(a) an estimate of the existing supply of moderate income housing located within the
1751	county;
1752	(b) an estimate of the need for moderate income housing in the county for the next five
1753	years as revised biennially;
1754	(c) a survey of total residential land use;
1755	(d) an evaluation of how existing land uses and zones affect opportunities for moderate
1756	income housing; and
1757	(e) a description of the county's program to encourage an adequate supply of moderate
1758	income housing.
1759	[(45)] (48) "Planning advisory area" means a contiguous, geographically defined
1760	portion of the unincorporated area of a county established under this part with planning and
1761	zoning functions as exercised through the planning advisory area planning commission, as

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development right.

1762 provided in this chapter, but with no legal or political identity separate from the county and no 1763 taxing authority. 1764 [(46)] (49) "Plat" means a map or other graphical representation of lands [being laid 1765 out and prepared that a licensed professional land surveyor makes and prepares in accordance 1766 with Section 17-27a-603, 17-23-17, 57-1-45, or 57-8-13. 1767 [(47)] (50) "Potential geologic hazard area" means an area that: 1768 (a) is designated by a Utah Geological Survey map, county geologist map, or other 1769 relevant map or report as needing further study to determine the area's potential for geologic 1770 hazard; or (b) has not been studied by the Utah Geological Survey or a county geologist but 1771 1772 presents the potential of geologic hazard because the area has characteristics similar to those of 1773 a designated geologic hazard area. 1774 [(48)] (51) "Public agency" means: 1775 (a) the federal government; 1776 (b) the state; 1777 (c) a county, municipality, school district, local district, special service district, or other 1778 political subdivision of the state; or 1779 (d) a charter school. 1780 [(49)] (52) "Public hearing" means a hearing at which members of the public are 1781 provided a reasonable opportunity to comment on the subject of the hearing. 1782 [(50)] (53) "Public meeting" means a meeting that is required to be open to the public 1783 under Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act. 1784 (54) "Public street" means a public right-of-way, including a public highway, public avenue, public boulevard, public parkway, public road, public lane, public trail or walk, public 1785 alley, public viaduct, public subway, public tunnel, public bridge, public byway, other public 1786 1787 transportation easement, or other public way. 1788 [(51)] (55) "Receiving zone" means an unincorporated area of a county that the county 1789 designates, by ordinance, as an area in which an owner of land may receive a transferable

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[(52)] (56) "Record of survey map" means a map of a survey of land prepared in

accordance with Section 10-9a-603, 17-23-17, 17-27a-603, or 57-8-13.

1/93	$\left[\frac{(5.7)}{(5.7)}\right]$ Residential facility for persons with a disability linearis a residence:
1794	(a) in which more than one person with a disability resides; and
1795	(b) (i) which is licensed or certified by the Department of Human Services under Title
1796	62A, Chapter 2, Licensure of Programs and Facilities; or
1797	(ii) which is licensed or certified by the Department of Health under Title 26, Chapter
1798	21, Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act.
1799	[(54)] (58) "Rules of order and procedure" means a set of rules that govern and
1800	prescribe in a public meeting:
1801	(a) parliamentary order and procedure;
1802	(b) ethical behavior; and
1803	(c) civil discourse.
1804	[(55)] (59) "Sanitary sewer authority" means the department, agency, or public entity
1805	with responsibility to review and approve the feasibility of sanitary sewer services or onsite
1806	wastewater systems.
1807	[(56)] (60) "Sending zone" means an unincorporated area of a county that the county
1808	designates, by ordinance, as an area from which an owner of land may transfer a transferable
1809	development right.
1810	[(57)] (61) "Site plan" means a document or map that may be required by a county
1811	during a preliminary review preceding the issuance of a building permit to demonstrate that an
1812	owner's or developer's proposed development activity meets a land use requirement.
1813	[(58)] (62) "Specified public agency" means:
1814	(a) the state;
1815	(b) a school district; or
1816	(c) a charter school.
1817	[(59)] (63) "Specified public utility" means an electrical corporation, gas corporation,
1818	or telephone corporation, as those terms are defined in Section 54-2-1.
1819	[(60)] (64) "State" includes any department, division, or agency of the state.
1820	[(61) "Street" means a public right-of-way, including a highway, avenue, boulevard,
1821	parkway, road, lane, walk, alley, viaduct, subway, tunnel, bridge, public easement, or other
1822	way.]
1823	(65) "Subdivided land" means the land, tract, or lot described in a recorded subdivision

1824	plat.
1825	[(62)] (66) (a) "Subdivision" means any land that is divided, resubdivided, or proposed
1826	to be divided into two or more lots[, parcels, sites, units, plots,] or other division of land for the
1827	purpose, whether immediate or future, for offer, sale, lease, or development either on the
1828	installment plan or upon any and all other plans, terms, and conditions.
1829	(b) "Subdivision" includes:
1830	(i) the division or development of land whether by deed, metes and bounds description,
1831	devise and testacy, map, plat, or other recorded instrument, regardless of whether the division
1832	includes all or a portion of a parcel or lot; and
1833	(ii) except as provided in Subsection [(62)] (66)(c), divisions of land for residential and
1834	nonresidential uses, including land used or to be used for commercial, agricultural, and
1835	industrial purposes.
1836	(c) "Subdivision" does not include:
1837	(i) a bona fide division or partition of agricultural land for agricultural purposes;
1838	(ii) [a recorded] an agreement recorded with the county recorder's office between
1839	owners of adjoining properties adjusting [their] the mutual boundary by a boundary line
1840	agreement in accordance with Section 57-1-45 if:
1841	(A) no new lot is created; and
1842	(B) the adjustment does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
1843	(iii) a recorded document, executed by the owner of record:
1844	(A) revising the legal description of more than one contiguous [unsubdivided] parcel of
1845	property that is not subdivided land into one legal description encompassing all such parcels of
1846	property; or
1847	(B) joining a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has not
1848	been subdivided, if the joinder does not violate applicable land use ordinances;
1849	(iv) a bona fide division or partition of land in a county other than a first class county
1850	for the purpose of siting, on one or more of the resulting separate parcels:
1851	(A) an electrical transmission line or a substation;
1852	(B) a natural gas pipeline or a regulation station; or
1853	(C) an unmanned telecommunications, microwave, fiber optic, electrical, or other

utility service regeneration, transformation, retransmission, or amplification facility;

1855	(v) [a recorded] an agreement between owners of adjoining subdivided properties
1856	adjusting [their] the mutual lot line boundary in accordance with Section 10-9a-603 if:
1857	(A) no new dwelling lot or housing unit will result from the adjustment; and
1858	(B) the adjustment will not violate any applicable land use ordinance;
1859	(vi) a bona fide division or partition of land by deed or other instrument where the land
1860	use authority expressly approves in writing the division in anticipation of further land use
1861	approvals on the parcel or parcels; [or]
1862	(vii) a parcel boundary adjustment[:];
1863	(viii) a lot line adjustment;
1864	(ix) a road, street, or highway dedication plat; or
1865	(x) a deed or easement for a road, street, or highway purpose.
1866	(d) The joining of a subdivided parcel of property to another parcel of property that has
1867	not been subdivided does not constitute a subdivision under this Subsection [(62)] (66) as to
1868	the unsubdivided parcel of property or subject the unsubdivided parcel to the county's
1869	subdivision ordinance.
1870	[(63)] (67) "Suspect soil" means soil that has:
1871	(a) a high susceptibility for volumetric change, typically clay rich, having more than a
1872	3% swell potential;
1873	(b) bedrock units with high shrink or swell susceptibility; or
1874	(c) gypsiferous silt and clay, gypsum, or bedrock units containing abundant gypsum
1875	commonly associated with dissolution and collapse features.
1876	[(64)] (68) "Therapeutic school" means a residential group living facility:
1877	(a) for four or more individuals who are not related to:
1878	(i) the owner of the facility; or
1879	(ii) the primary service provider of the facility;
1880	(b) that serves students who have a history of failing to function:
1881	(i) at home;
1882	(ii) in a public school; or
1883	(iii) in a nonresidential private school; and
1884	(c) that offers:
1885	(i) room and board; and

1886	(ii) an academic education integrated with:
1887	(A) specialized structure and supervision; or
1888	(B) services or treatment related to a disability, an emotional development, a
1889	behavioral development, a familial development, or a social development.
1890	[(65)] (69) "Transferable development right" means a right to develop and use land that
1891	originates by an ordinance that authorizes a land owner in a designated sending zone to transfer
1892	land use rights from a designated sending zone to a designated receiving zone.
1893	[(66)] (70) "Unincorporated" means the area outside of the incorporated area of a
1894	municipality.
1895	[(67)] (71) "Water interest" means any right to the beneficial use of water, including:
1896	(a) each of the rights listed in Section 73-1-11; and
1897	(b) an ownership interest in the right to the beneficial use of water represented by:
1898	(i) a contract; or
1899	(ii) a share in a water company, as defined in Section 73-3-3.5.
1900	[(68)] (72) "Zoning map" means a map, adopted as part of a land use ordinance, that
1901	depicts land use zones, overlays, or districts.
1902	Section 27. Section 17-27a-104 is amended to read:
1903	17-27a-104. County standards.
1904	(1) [Except as provided in Subsection (2), a county may enact a land use regulation
1905	imposing stricter requirements or higher standards than are required by this chapter.] This
1906	chapter does not prohibit a county from adopting the county's own land use standards.
1907	(2) [A] Notwithstanding Subsection (1), a county may not impose a requirement,
1908	regulation, condition, or standard that conflicts with a provision of this chapter, other state law,
1909	or federal law.
1910	Section 28. Section 17-27a-208 is amended to read:
1911	17-27a-208. Hearing and notice for petition to vacate a public street.
1912	(1) For any [proposal] petition to vacate some or all of a public street[, right-of-way, or
1913	easement,] the legislative body shall:
1914	(a) hold a public hearing; and
1915	(b) give notice of the date, place, and time of the hearing, as provided in Subsection
1916	(2)

1917	(2) At least 10 days before the public hearing under Subsection (1)(a), the legislative
1918	body shall ensure that the notice required under Subsection (1)(b) [shall be] is:
1919	(a) mailed to the record owner of each parcel that is accessed by the public street[5,
1920	right-of-way, or easement];
1921	(b) mailed to each affected entity;
1922	(c) posted on or near the <u>public</u> street[, <u>right-of-way</u> , or <u>easement</u>] in a manner that is
1923	calculated to alert the public; and
1924	(d) (i) published [in a newspaper of general circulation in] on the website of the county
1925	in which the land subject to the petition is located until the public hearing concludes; and
1926	(ii) published on the Utah Public Notice Website created in Section 63F-1-701.
1927	Section 29. Section 17-27a-302 is amended to read:
1928	17-27a-302. Planning commission powers and duties.
1929	(1) Each countywide planning advisory area or mountainous planning district planning
1930	commission shall, with respect to the unincorporated area of the county, the planning advisory
1931	area, or the mountainous planning district, make a recommendation to the county legislative
1932	body for:
1933	[(1)] (a) a general plan and amendments to the general plan;
1934	[(2)] <u>(b)</u> land use regulations;
1935	[(3)] (c) an appropriate delegation of power to at least one designated land use
1936	authority to hear and act on a land use application;
1937	[(4)] (d) an appropriate delegation of power to at least one appeal authority to hear and
1938	act on an appeal from a decision of the land use authority; and
1939	[(5)] (e) application processes that:
1940	[(a)] (i) may include a designation of routine land use matters that, upon application
1941	and proper notice, will receive informal streamlined review and action if the application is
1942	uncontested; and
1943	[(b)] (ii) shall protect the right of each:
1944	[(i)] (A) applicant and third party to require formal consideration of any application by
1945	a land use authority;
1946	[(ii)] (B) applicant, adversely affected party, or county officer or employee to appeal a
1947	land use authority's decision to a separate appeal authority; and

1948	[(iii)] (C) participant to be heard in each public hearing on a contested application.
1949	(2) Nothing in this section limits the right of a county to initiate or propose the actions
1950	described in this section.
1951	Section 30. Section 17-27a-501 is amended to read:
1952	17-27a-501. Enactment of land use regulation.
1953	(1) Only a legislative body, as the body authorized to weigh policy considerations, may
1954	enact a land use regulation.
1955	(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), a legislative body may enact a land use
1956	regulation only by ordinance.
1957	(b) A legislative body may, by ordinance or resolution, enact a land use regulation that
1958	imposes a fee.
1959	(3) A land use regulation shall be consistent with the purposes set forth in this chapter.
1960	(4) (a) A legislative body shall adopt a land use regulation to:
1961	(i) create or amend a zoning district under Subsection 17-27a-503(1)(a); and
1962	(ii) designate general uses allowed in each zoning district.
1963	(b) A land use authority may establish or modify other restrictions or requirements
1964	other than those described in Subsection (4)(a), including the configuration or modification of
1965	uses or density, through a land use decision that applies criteria or policy elements that a land
1966	use regulation establishes or describes.
1967	Section 31. Section 17-27a-502 is amended to read:
1968	17-27a-502. Preparation and adoption of land use regulation.
1969	(1) [The] A planning commission shall:
1970	(a) provide notice as required by Subsection 17-27a-205(1)(a) and, if applicable,
1971	Subsection 17-27a-205(4);
1972	(b) hold a public hearing on a proposed land use regulation;
1973	(c) if applicable, consider each written objection filed in accordance with Subsection
1974	17-27a-205(4) prior to the public hearing; and
1975	(d) (i) [prepare] review and recommend to the legislative body a proposed land use
1976	regulation that represents the planning commission's recommendation for regulating the use
1977	and development of land within:
1978	(A) all or any part of the unincorporated area of the county; or

1980	planning district; and
1981	(ii) forward to the legislative body all objections filed in accordance with Subsection
1982	17-27a-205(4).
1983	(2) (a) The legislative body shall consider each proposed land use regulation
1984	[recommended to the legislative body by] that the planning commission[, and, after]
1985	recommends to the legislative body.
1986	(b) After providing notice as required by Subsection 17-27a-205(1)(b) and holding a
1987	public meeting, the legislative body may adopt or reject the proposed land use regulation
1988	[either] described in Subsection (2)(a):
1989	(i) as proposed by the planning commission; or
1990	(ii) after making any revision the legislative body considers appropriate.
1991	(c) A legislative body may consider a planning commission's failure to make a timely
1992	recommendation as a negative recommendation if the legislative body has provided for that
1993	consideration by ordinance.
1994	Section 32. Section 17-27a-503 is amended to read:
1995	17-27a-503. Zoning district or land use regulation amendments.
1996	(1) Only a legislative body may amend:
1997	(a) the number, shape, boundaries, [or] area, or general uses of any zoning district;
1998	(b) any regulation of or within the zoning district; or
1999	(c) any other provision of a land use regulation.
2000	(2) [The] \underline{A} legislative body may not make any amendment authorized by this section
2001	unless the legislative body first submits the amendment [was proposed by the planning
2002	commission or is first submitted] to the planning commission for [its] the planning
2003	commission's recommendation.
2004	(3) [The] \underline{A} legislative body shall comply with the procedure specified in Section
2005	17-27a-502 in preparing and adopting an amendment to a land use regulation.
2006	Section 33. Section 17-27a-506 is amended to read:
2007	17-27a-506. Conditional uses.
2008	(1) (a) A county may adopt a land use ordinance that includes conditional uses and
2009	provisions for conditional uses that require compliance with standards set forth in an applicable

(B) for a mountainous planning district, all or any part of the area in the mountainous

2010 ordinance.

- (b) A county may not impose a requirement or standard on a conditional use that conflicts with a provision of this chapter or other state or federal law.
- (2) (a) (i) A land use authority shall approve a conditional use if reasonable conditions are proposed, or can be imposed, to mitigate the reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of the proposed use in accordance with applicable standards.
- (ii) The requirement described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) to reasonably mitigate anticipated detrimental effects of the proposed conditional use does not require elimination of the detrimental effects.
- (b) If a land use authority proposes reasonable conditions on a proposed conditional use, the land use authority shall ensure that the conditions are stated on the record and reasonably relate to mitigating the anticipated detrimental effects of the proposed use.
- (c) If the reasonably anticipated detrimental effects of a proposed conditional use cannot be substantially mitigated by the proposal or the imposition of reasonable conditions to achieve compliance with applicable standards, the land use authority may deny the conditional use.
- (3) A land use authority's decision to approve or deny a conditional use is an administrative land use decision.
- (4) A legislative body shall classify any use that a land use regulation allows in a zoning district as either a permitted or conditional use under this chapter.
 - Section 34. Section 17-27a-508 is amended to read:
- 17-27a-508. Applicant's entitlement to land use application approval -- Application relating to land in a high priority transportation corridor -- County's requirements and limitations -- Vesting upon submission of development plan and schedule.
- (1) (a) (i) An applicant who has submitted a complete land use application, including the payment of all application fees, is entitled to substantive review of the application under the land use regulations:
 - (A) in effect on the date that the application is complete; and
- 2039 (B) applicable to the application or to the information shown on the submitted application.

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(ii) An applicant is entitled to approval of a land use application if the application
conforms to the requirements of the applicable land use regulations, land use decisions, and
development standards in effect when the applicant submits a complete application and pays all
application fees, unless:

- (A) the land use authority, on the record, formally finds that a compelling, countervailing public interest would be jeopardized by approving the application and specifies the compelling, countervailing public interest in writing; or
- (B) in the manner provided by local ordinance and before the applicant submits the application, the county formally initiates proceedings to amend the county's land use regulations in a manner that would prohibit approval of the application as submitted.
- (b) The county shall process an application without regard to proceedings the county initiated to amend the county's ordinances as described in Subsection (1)(a)(ii)(B) if:
 - (i) 180 days have passed since the county initiated the proceedings; and
- (ii) the proceedings have not resulted in an enactment that prohibits approval of the application as submitted.
- (c) A land use application is considered submitted and complete when the applicant provides the application in a form that complies with the requirements of applicable ordinances and pays all applicable fees.
- (d) The continuing validity of an approval of a land use application is conditioned upon the applicant proceeding after approval to implement the approval with reasonable diligence.
- (e) A county may not impose on an applicant who has submitted a complete application [for preliminary subdivision approval] a requirement that is not expressed:
 - (i) in this chapter;
 - (ii) in a county ordinance; or
- (iii) in a county specification for public improvements applicable to a subdivision or development that is in effect on the date that the applicant submits an application.
- (f) A county may not impose on a holder of an issued land use permit or a final, unexpired subdivision plat a requirement that is not expressed:
 - (i) in a land use permit;
 - (ii) on the subdivision plat;
- 2071 (iii) in a document on which the land use permit or subdivision plat is based;

2072 (iv) in the written record evidencing approval of the land use permit or subdivision 2073 plat; 2074 (v) in this chapter; or 2075 (vi) in a county ordinance. 2076 (g) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (1)(h), a county may not withhold issuance of 2077 a certificate of occupancy or acceptance of subdivision improvements because of an applicant's 2078 failure to comply with a requirement that is not expressed: 2079 (i) in the building permit or subdivision plat, documents on which the building permit 2080 or subdivision plat is based, or the written record evidencing approval of the building permit or 2081 subdivision plat; or 2082 (ii) in this chapter or the county's ordinances. 2083 (h) A county may not unreasonably withhold issuance of a certificate of occupancy 2084 where an applicant has met all requirements essential for the public health, public safety, and 2085 general welfare of the occupants, in accordance with this chapter, unless: (i) the applicant and the county have agreed in a written document to the withholding 2086 2087 of a certificate of occupancy; or (ii) the applicant has not provided a financial assurance for required and uncompleted 2088 2089 landscaping or infrastructure improvements in accordance with an applicable ordinance that the 2090 legislative body adopts under this chapter. 2091 (2) A county is bound by the terms and standards of applicable land use regulations and 2092 shall comply with mandatory provisions of those regulations. 2093 (3) A county may not, as a condition of land use application approval, require a person 2094 filing a land use application to obtain documentation regarding a school district's willingness, 2095 capacity, or ability to serve the development proposed in the land use application. 2096 (4) Upon a specified public agency's submission of a development plan and schedule as 2097 required in Subsection 17-27a-305(8) that complies with the requirements of that subsection, 2098 the specified public agency vests in the county's applicable land use maps, zoning map, hookup 2099 fees, impact fees, other applicable development fees, and land use regulations in effect on the 2100 date of submission. 2101 Section 35. Section 17-27a-509.5 is amended to read:

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17-27a-509.5. Review for application completeness -- Substantive application

- review -- Reasonable diligence required for determination of whether improvements or warranty work meets standards -- Money damages claim prohibited.
 - (1) (a) Each county shall, in a timely manner, determine whether [an] a land use application is complete for the purposes of subsequent, substantive land use authority review.
 - (b) After a reasonable period of time to allow the county diligently to evaluate whether all objective ordinance-based application criteria have been met, if application fees have been paid, the applicant may in writing request that the county provide a written determination either that the application is:
 - (i) complete for the purposes of allowing subsequent, substantive land use authority review; or
 - (ii) deficient with respect to a specific, objective, ordinance-based application requirement.
 - (c) Within 30 days of receipt of an applicant's request under this section, the county shall either:
 - (i) mail a written notice to the applicant advising that the application is deficient with respect to a specified, objective, ordinance-based criterion, and stating that the application must be supplemented by specific additional information identified in the notice; or
 - (ii) accept the application as complete for the purposes of further substantive processing by the land use authority.
 - (d) If the notice required by Subsection (1)(c)(i) is not timely mailed, the application shall be considered complete, for purposes of further substantive land use authority review.
 - (e) (i) The applicant may raise and resolve in a single appeal any determination made under this Subsection (1) to the appeal authority, including an allegation that a reasonable period of time has elapsed under Subsection (1)(a).
 - (ii) The appeal authority shall issue a written decision for any appeal requested under this Subsection (1)(e).
 - (f) (i) The applicant may appeal to district court the decision of the appeal authority made under Subsection (1)(e).
 - (ii) Each appeal under Subsection (1)(f)(i) shall be made within 30 days of the date of the written decision.
- 2133 (2) (a) Each land use authority shall substantively review a complete application and an

- 2134 application considered complete under Subsection (1)(d), and shall approve or deny each 2135 application with reasonable diligence.
 - (b) After a reasonable period of time to allow the land use authority to consider an application, the applicant may in writing request that the land use authority take final action within 45 days from date of service of the written request.
 - (c) Within 45 days from the date of service of the written request described in Subsection (2)(b):
 - (i) [The] except as provided in Subsection (2)(c)(ii), the land use authority shall take final action, approving or denying the application [within 45 days of the written request.]; and
 - (ii) if a landowner petitions for a land use regulation, a legislative body shall take final action by approving or denying the petition.
 - (d) If the land use authority denies an application processed under the mandates of Subsection (2)(b), or if the applicant has requested a written decision in the application, the land use authority shall include its reasons for denial in writing, on the record, which may include the official minutes of the meeting in which the decision was rendered.
 - (e) If the land use authority fails to comply with Subsection (2)(c), the applicant may appeal this failure to district court within 30 days of the date on which the land use authority should have taken final action under Subsection (2)(c).
 - (3) (a) With reasonable diligence, each land use authority shall determine whether the installation of required subdivision improvements or the performance of warranty work meets the county's adopted standards.
 - (b) (i) An applicant may in writing request the land use authority to accept or reject the applicant's installation of required subdivision improvements or performance of warranty work.
 - (ii) The land use authority shall accept or reject subdivision improvements within 15 days after receiving an applicant's written request under Subsection (3)(b)(i), or as soon as practicable after that 15-day period if inspection of the subdivision improvements is impeded by winter weather conditions.
 - (iii) The land use authority shall accept or reject the performance of warranty work within 45 days after receiving an applicant's written request under Subsection (3)(b)(i), or as soon as practicable after that 45-day period if inspection of the warranty work is impeded by winter weather conditions.

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2165	(c) If a land use authority determines that the installation of required subdivision
2166	improvements or the performance of warranty work does not meet the county's adopted
2167	standards, the land use authority shall comprehensively and with specificity list the reasons for
2168	[its] the land use authority's determination.
2169	(4) Subject to Section 17-27a-508, nothing in this section and no action or inaction of
2170	the land use authority relieves an applicant's duty to comply with all applicable substantive
2171	ordinances and regulations.
2172	(5) There shall be no money damages remedy arising from a claim under this section.
2173	Section 36. Section 17-27a-601 is amended to read:
2174	17-27a-601. Enactment of subdivision ordinance.
2175	(1) The legislative body of a county may enact ordinances requiring that a subdivision
2176	plat comply with the provisions of the [ordinance] county's ordinances and this part before:
2177	(a) [it] the subdivision plat may be filed [or] and recorded in the county recorder's
2178	office; and
2179	(b) lots may be sold.
2180	(2) If the legislative body fails to enact a subdivision ordinance, the county may
2181	regulate subdivisions only as provided in this part.
2182	Section 37. Section 17-27a-602 is amended to read:
2183	17-27a-602. Planning commission preparation and recommendation of
2184	subdivision ordinance Adoption or rejection by legislative body.
2185	(1) [The] A planning commission shall:
2186	(a) [prepare and recommend a] review and provide a recommendation to the legislative
2187	body on any proposed ordinance [to the legislative body] that regulates the subdivision of land
2188	in the municipality;
2189	(b) [prepare and recommend or consider and recommend a] review and make a
2190	recommendation to the legislative body on any proposed ordinance that amends the regulation
2191	of the subdivision of the unincorporated land in the county or, in the case of a mountainous
2192	planning district, the mountainous planning district;
2193	(c) provide notice consistent with Section 17-27a-205; and
2194	(d) hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance before making [its] the planning

commission's final recommendation to the legislative body.

consideration by ordinance.

- (2) (a) [The county] A legislative body may adopt, modify, revise, or reject [the] an ordinance [either as proposed by] described in Subsection (1) that the planning commission [or after making any revision the county legislative body considers appropriate] recommends.

 (b) A legislative body may consider a planning commission's failure to make a timely recommendation as a negative recommendation if the legislative body has provided for that
 - Section 38. Section 17-27a-603 is amended to read:
 - 17-27a-603. Plat required when land is subdivided -- Approval of plat -- Owner acknowledgment, surveyor certification, and underground utility facility owner verification of plat -- Recording plat.
 - (1) Unless exempt under Section 17-27a-605 or excluded from the definition of subdivision under Section 17-27a-103, whenever any land is laid out and platted, the owner of the land shall provide an accurate plat that describes or specifies:
 - (a) a subdivision name that is distinct from any subdivision name on a plat recorded in the county recorder's office;
 - (b) the boundaries, course, and dimensions of all of the parcels of ground divided, by their boundaries, course, and extent, whether the owner proposes that any parcel of ground is intended to be used as a street or for any other public use, and whether any such area is reserved or proposed for dedication for a public purpose;
 - (c) the lot or unit reference, block or building reference, street or site address, street name or coordinate address, acreage or square footage for all parcels, units, or lots, and length and width of the blocks and lots intended for sale; and
 - (d) every existing right-of-way and easement grant of record for an underground facility, as defined in Section 54-8a-2, and for any other utility facility.
 - (2) (a) Subject to Subsections (3), (4), and (5), if the plat conforms to the county's ordinances and this part and has been approved by the culinary water authority, the sanitary sewer authority, and the local health department, as defined in Section 26A-1-102, if the local health department and the county consider the local health department's approval necessary, the county shall approve the plat.
- (b) Counties are encouraged to receive a recommendation from the fire authority before approving a plat.

2227	(c) A county may not require that a plat be approved or signed by a person or entity
2228	who:
2229	(i) is not an employee or agent of the county; or
2230	(ii) does not:
2231	(A) have a legal or equitable interest in the property within the proposed subdivision;
2232	(B) provide a utility or other service directly to a lot within the subdivision;
2233	(C) own an easement or right-of-way adjacent to the proposed subdivision who signs
2234	for the purpose of confirming the accuracy of the location of the easement or right-of-way in
2235	relation to the plat; or
2236	(D) provide culinary public water service whose source protection zone designated as
2237	provided in Section 19-4-113 is included, in whole or in part, within the proposed subdivision.
2238	(d) For a subdivision application that includes land located within a notification zone,
2239	as determined under Subsection $(2)[\underline{(e)}]\underline{(f)}$, the land use authority shall:
2240	(i) within 20 days after the day on which a complete subdivision application is filed,
2241	provide written notice of the application to the canal owner or associated canal operator contact
2242	described in:
2243	(A) Section 17-27a-211;
2244	(B) Subsection 73-5-7(2); or
2245	(C) Subsection (4)(c); and
2246	(ii) wait to approve or reject the subdivision application for at least 20 days after the
2247	day on which the land use authority mails the notice under Subsection (2)(d)(i) in order to
2248	receive input from the canal owner or associated canal operator, including input regarding:
2249	(A) access to the canal;
2250	(B) maintenance of the canal;
2251	(C) canal protection; and
2252	(D) canal safety.
2253	(e) When applicable, the subdivision applicant shall comply with Section 73-1-15.5.
2254	[(e)] (f) The land use authority shall provide the notice described in Subsection (2)(d)
2255	to a canal owner or associated canal operator if:
2256	(i) the canal's centerline is located within 100 feet of a proposed subdivision; and
2257	(ii) the centerline alignment is available to the land use authority:

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facility within the subdivision.

2258 (A) from information provided by the canal company under Section 17-27a-211 using 2259 mapping-grade global positioning satellite units or digitized data from the most recent aerial 2260 photo available to the canal owner or canal operator; 2261 (B) using the state engineer's inventory of canals under Section 73-5-7; or 2262 (C) from information provided by a surveyor under Subsection (4)(c). 2263 (3) The county may withhold an otherwise valid plat approval until the owner of the 2264 land provides the legislative body with a tax clearance indicating that all taxes, interest, and 2265 penalties owing on the land have been paid. 2266 (4) (a) A [plat may not be submitted to a] county recorder [for recording] may not record a plat unless, subject to Subsection 17-27a-604(2): 2267 2268 (i) prior to recordation, the county has approved and signed the plat; 2269 (ii) each owner of record of land described on the plat has signed the owner's 2270 dedication as shown on the plat; and 2271 [(iii)] (iii) the signature of each owner described in Subsection [(4)(a)(i)] (4)(a)(ii) is 2272 acknowledged as provided by law. 2273 (b) The surveyor making the plat shall certify that the surveyor: 2274 (i) holds a license in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 22, Professional Engineers and 2275 Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act: 2276 (ii) has completed a survey of the property described on the plat in accordance with 2277 Section 17-23-17 and has verified all measurements; and 2278 (iii) has placed monuments as represented on the plat. 2279 (c) (i) To the extent possible, the surveyor shall consult with the owner or operator of 2280 an existing or proposed underground facility or utility facility within the proposed subdivision, 2281 or a representative designated by the owner or operator, to verify the accuracy of the surveyor's 2282 depiction of the: 2283 (A) boundary, course, dimensions, and intended use of the public rights-of-way, a 2284 public or private easement, or grants of record; 2285 (B) location of an existing underground facility and utility facility; and 2286 (C) physical restrictions governing the location of the underground facility and utility

(ii) The cooperation of an owner or operator under Subsection (4)(c)(i):

2289	(A) indicates only that the plat approximates the location of the existing underground
2290	and utility facilities but does not warrant or verify their precise location; and
2291	(B) does not affect a right that the owner or operator has under[: (I)] Title 54, Chapter
2292	8a, Damage to Underground Utility Facilities[; (II)], a recorded easement or right-of-way[;
2293	(III)], the law applicable to prescriptive rights[; or (IV)], or any other provision of law.
2294	(5) (a) [After] Except as provided in Subsection (4)(c), after the plat has been
2295	acknowledged, certified, and approved, the [owner of the land] individual seeking to record the
2296	plat shall, within the time period and manner designated by ordinance, record the plat in the
2297	county recorder's office in the county in which the lands platted and laid out are situated.
2298	(b) $[An owner's] \underline{A}$ failure to record a plat within the time period designated by
2299	ordinance renders the plat voidable.
2300	Section 39. Section 17-27a-604.5 is amended to read:
2301	17-27a-604.5. Subdivision plat recording or development activity before required
2302	infrastructure is completed Improvement completion assurance Improvement
2303	warranty.
2304	(1) A land use authority shall establish objective inspection standards for acceptance of
2305	a required landscaping or infrastructure improvement.
2306	(2) (a) Before an applicant conducts any development activity or records a plat, the
2307	applicant shall:
2308	(i) complete any required landscaping or infrastructure improvements; or
2309	(ii) post an improvement completion assurance for any required landscaping or
2310	infrastructure improvements.
2311	(b) If an applicant elects to post an improvement completion assurance, the applicant
2312	shall [ensure that the] provide completion assurance for:
2313	(i) [provides for] completion of 100% of the required landscaping or infrastructure
2314	improvements; or
2315	(ii) if the county has inspected and accepted a portion of the landscaping or
2316	infrastructure improvements, [provides for completion of] 100% of the incomplete or
2317	unaccepted landscaping or infrastructure improvements.
2318	(c) A county shall:
2319	(i) establish a minimum of two acceptable forms of completion assurance:

2320	$\left[\frac{(i)}{(i)}\right]$ if an applicant elects to post an improvement completion assurance, allow the
2321	applicant to post an assurance that meets the conditions of this title, and any local ordinances;
2322	[(iii)] (iii) establish a system for the partial release of an improvement completion
2323	assurance as portions of required landscaping or infrastructure improvements are completed
2324	and accepted in accordance with local ordinance; and
2325	[(iii)] (iv) issue or deny a building permit in accordance with Section 17-27a-802 based
2326	on the installation of landscaping or infrastructure improvements.
2327	(d) A county may not require an applicant to post an improvement completion
2328	assurance for:
2329	(i) landscaping or an infrastructure improvement that the county has previously
2330	inspected and accepted[-];
2331	(ii) infrastructure improvements that are private and not essential or required to meet
2332	the building code, fire code, flood or storm water management provisions, street and access
2333	requirements, or other essential necessary public safety improvements adopted in a land use
2334	regulation; or
2335	(iii) in a municipality where ordinances require all infrastructure improvements within
2336	the area to be private, infrastructure improvements within a development that the municipality
2337	requires to be private.
2338	(3) At any time before a county accepts a landscaping or infrastructure improvement,
2339	and for the duration of each improvement warranty period, the land use authority may require
2340	the applicant to:
2341	(a) execute an improvement warranty for the improvement warranty period; and
2342	(b) post a cash deposit, surety bond, letter of credit, or other similar security, as
2343	required by the county, in the amount of up to 10% of the lesser of the:
2344	(i) county engineer's original estimated cost of completion; or
2345	(ii) applicant's reasonable proven cost of completion.
2346	(4) When a county accepts an improvement completion assurance for landscaping or
2347	infrastructure improvements for a development in accordance with Subsection (2)(c)[(i)](ii),
2348	the county may not deny an applicant a building permit if the development meets the
2349	requirements for the issuance of a building permit under the building code and fire code.
2350	(5) The provisions of this section do not supersede the terms of a valid development

2351	agreement, an adopted phasing plan, or the state construction code.
2352	Section 40. Section 17-27a-605 is amended to read:
2353	17-27a-605. Exemptions from plat requirement.
2354	(1) Notwithstanding Sections 17-27a-603 and 17-27a-604, [the land use authority] a
2355	county may establish a process to approve an administrative land use decision for the
2356	subdivision of unincorporated land or mountainous planning district land into 10 lots or less
2357	without a plat, by certifying in writing that:
2358	(a) the county has provided notice as required by ordinance; and
2359	(b) the proposed subdivision:
2360	(i) is not traversed by the mapped lines of a proposed street as shown in the general
2361	plan [and does not require the dedication of any land for street or other] unless the county has
2362	approved the location and dedication of any public street, county utility easement, any other
2363	easement, or any other land for public purposes as the county's ordinance requires;
2364	(ii) has been approved by the culinary water authority and the sanitary sewer authority;
2365	(iii) is located in a zoned area; and
2366	(iv) conforms to all applicable land use ordinances or has properly received a variance
2367	from the requirements of an otherwise conflicting and applicable land use ordinance.
2368	(2) (a) Subject to Subsection (1), a lot or parcel resulting from a division of agricultural
2369	land is exempt from the plat requirements of Section 17-27a-603 if:
2370	(i) the lot or parcel:
2371	(A) qualifies as land in agricultural use under Section 59-2-502; and
2372	(B) is not used and will not be used for any nonagricultural purpose; and
2373	(ii) the new owner of record completes, signs, and records with the county recorder a
2374	notice:
2375	(A) describing the parcel by legal description; and
2376	(B) stating that the lot or parcel is created for agricultural purposes as defined in
2377	Section 59-2-502 and will remain so until a future zoning change permits other uses.
2378	(b) If a lot or parcel exempted under Subsection (2)(a) is used for a nonagricultural
2379	purpose, the county shall require the lot or parcel to comply with the requirements of Section
2380	17-27a-603 and all applicable land use ordinance requirements.
2381	(3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (4), a document recorded in the county

2382	recorder's office that divides property by a metes and bounds description does not create an
2383	approved subdivision allowed by this part unless the land use authority's certificate of written
2384	approval required by Subsection (1) is attached to the document.
2385	[(b) The absence of the certificate or written approval required by Subsection (1) does
2386	not:]
2387	[(i) prohibit the county recorder from recording a document; or]
2388	[(ii) affect the validity of a recorded document.]
2389	[(c)] (b) A document which does not meet the requirements of Subsection (1) may be
2390	corrected by the recording of an affidavit to which the required certificate or written approval i
2391	attached [in accordance] and that complies with Section 57-3-106.
2392	(4) (a) As used in this Subsection (4):
2393	(i) "Divided land" means land that:
2394	(A) is described as the land to be divided in a notice under Subsection (4)(b)(ii); and
2395	(B) has been divided by a minor subdivision.
2396	(ii) "Land to be divided" means land that is proposed to be divided by a minor
2397	subdivision.
2398	(iii) "Minor subdivision" means a division of at least 100 contiguous acres of
2399	agricultural land in a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class to create one new lot that,
2400	after the division, is separate from the remainder of the original 100 or more contiguous acres
2401	of agricultural land.
2402	(iv) "Minor subdivision lot" means a lot created by a minor subdivision.
2403	(b) Notwithstanding Sections 17-27a-603 and 17-27a-604, an owner of at least 100
2404	contiguous acres of agricultural land may make a minor subdivision by submitting for
2405	recording in the office of the recorder of the county in which the land to be divided is located:
2406	(i) a recordable deed containing the legal description of the minor subdivision lot; and
2407	(ii) a notice:
2408	(A) indicating that the owner of the land to be divided is making a minor subdivision;
2409	(B) referring specifically to this section as the authority for making the minor
2410	subdivision; and
2411	(C) containing the legal description of:
2412	(I) the land to be divided; and

2413	(II) the minor subdivision lot.
2414	(c) A minor subdivision lot:
2415	(i) may not be less than one acre in size;
2416	(ii) may not be within 1,000 feet of another minor subdivision lot; and
2417	(iii) is not subject to the subdivision ordinance of the county in which the minor
2418	subdivision lot is located.
2419	(d) Land to be divided by a minor subdivision may not include divided land.
2420	(e) A county:
2421	(i) may not deny a building permit to an owner of a minor subdivision lot based on:
2422	(A) the lot's status as a minor subdivision lot; or
2423	(B) the absence of standards described in Subsection (4)(e)(ii); and
2424	(ii) may, in connection with the issuance of a building permit, subject a minor
2425	subdivision lot to reasonable health, safety, and access standards that the county has established
2426	and made public.
2427	(5) (a) Notwithstanding Sections 17-27a-603 and 17-27a-604, and subject to
2428	Subsection (1), the legislative body of a county may enact an ordinance allowing the
2429	subdivision of a parcel, without complying with the plat requirements of Section 17-27a-603,
2430	if:
2431	(i) the parcel contains an existing legal single family dwelling unit;
2432	(ii) the subdivision results in two parcels, one of which is agricultural land;
2433	(iii) the parcel of agricultural land:
2434	(A) qualifies as land in agricultural use under Section 59-2-502; and
2435	(B) is not used, and will not be used, for a nonagricultural purpose;
2436	(iv) both the parcel with an existing legal single family dwelling unit and the parcel of
2437	agricultural land meet the minimum area, width, frontage, and setback requirements of the
2438	applicable zoning designation in the applicable land use ordinance; and
2439	(v) the owner of record completes, signs, and records with the county recorder a notice:
2440	(A) describing the parcel of agricultural land by legal description; and
2441	(B) stating that the parcel of agricultural land is created as land in agricultural use, as
2442	defined in Section 59-2-502, and will remain as land in agricultural use until a future zoning
2443	change permits another use.

2444	(b) If a parcel of agricultural land divided from another parcel under Subsection (5)(a)
2445	is later used for a nonagricultural purpose, the exemption provided in Subsection (5)(a) no
2446	longer applies, and the county shall require the owner of the parcel to:
2447	(i) retroactively comply with the subdivision plat requirements of Section 17-27a-603;
2448	and
2449	(ii) comply with all applicable land use ordinance requirements.
2450	Section 41. Section 17-27a-607 is amended to read:
2451	17-27a-607. Dedication by plat of public streets and other public places.
2452	(1) A plat that is signed, dedicated, and acknowledged by each owner of record, and
2453	approved according to the procedures specified in this part, operates, when recorded, as a
2454	dedication of all <u>public</u> streets and other public places, and vests the fee of those parcels of land
2455	in the county for the public for the uses named or intended in the plat.
2456	(2) The dedication established by this section does not impose liability upon the county
2457	for <u>public</u> streets and other public places that are dedicated in this manner but are unimproved
2458	unless:
2459	(a) adequate financial assurance has been provided in accordance with this chapter; and
2460	(b) the county has accepted the dedication.
2461	Section 42. Section 17-27a-608 is amended to read:
2462	17-27a-608. Vacating or amending a subdivision plat.
2463	(1) (a) A fee owner of land, as shown on the last county assessment roll, in a
2464	subdivision that has been laid out and platted as provided in this part may file a written petition
2465	with the land use authority to have some or all of the plat vacated or amended.
2466	(b) If a petition is filed under Subsection (1)(a), the land use authority shall provide
2467	notice of the petition by mail, email, or other effective means to each affected entity that
2468	provides a service to an owner of record of the portion of the plat that is being vacated or
2469	amended at least 10 calendar days before the land use authority may approve the vacation or
2470	amendment of the plat.
2471	(c) If a petition is filed under Subsection (1)(a), the land use authority shall hold a
2472	public hearing within 45 days after the day on which the petition is filed if:
2473	(i) any owner within the plat notifies the county of the owner's objection in writing
2474	within 10 days of mailed notification; or

(5)(b).

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2475	(ii) a public hearing is required because all of the owners in the subdivision have not
2476	signed the revised plat.
2477	(2) Unless a local ordinance provides otherwise, the public hearing requirement of
2478	Subsection (1)(c) does not apply and a land use authority may consider at a public meeting an
2479	owner's petition to vacate or amend a subdivision plat if:
2480	(a) the petition seeks to:
2481	(i) join two or more of the petitioning fee owner's contiguous lots;
2482	(ii) subdivide one or more of the petitioning fee owner's lots, if the subdivision will not
2483	result in a violation of a land use ordinance or a development condition;
2484	(iii) adjust the lot lines of adjoining lots or parcels if the fee owners of each of the
2485	adjoining lots or parcels join the petition, regardless of whether the lots or parcels are located in
2486	the same subdivision;
2487	(iv) on a lot owned by the petitioning fee owner, adjust an internal lot restriction
2488	imposed by the local political subdivision; or
2489	(v) alter the plat in a manner that does not change existing boundaries or other
2490	attributes of lots within the subdivision that are not:
2491	(A) owned by the petitioner; or
2492	(B) designated as a common area; and
2493	(b) notice has been given to adjacent property owners in accordance with any
2494	applicable local ordinance.
2495	(3) Each request to vacate or amend a plat that contains a request to vacate or amend a
2496	public street[, right-of-way, or easement] is also subject to Section 17-27a-609.5.
2497	(4) Each petition to vacate or amend an entire plat or a portion of a plat shall include:
2498	(a) the name and address of each owner of record of the land contained in:
2499	(i) the entire plat; or
2500	(ii) that portion of the plan described in the petition; and
2501	(b) the signature of each owner who consents to the petition.
2502	(5) (a) The owners of record of adjacent parcels that are described by either a metes
2503	and bounds description or by a recorded plat may exchange title to portions of those parcels if
2504	the exchange of title is approved by the land use authority in accordance with Subsection

2506	(b) The land use authority shall approve an exchange of title under Subsection (5)(a) if
2507	the exchange of title will not result in a violation of any land use ordinance.
2508	(c) If an exchange of title is approved under Subsection (5)(b):
2509	(i) a notice of approval shall be recorded in the office of the county recorder which:
2510	(A) is executed by each owner included in the exchange and by the land use authority;
2511	(B) contains an acknowledgment for each party executing the notice in accordance with
2512	the provisions of Title 57, Chapter 2a, Recognition of Acknowledgments Act; and
2513	(C) recites the descriptions of both the original parcels and the parcels created by the
2514	exchange of title; and
2515	(ii) a document of conveyance of title reflecting the approved change shall be recorded
2516	in the office of the county recorder.
2517	(d) A notice of approval recorded under this Subsection (5) does not act as a
2518	conveyance of title to real property and is not required to record a document conveying title to
2519	real property.
2520	(6) (a) The name of a recorded subdivision may be changed by recording an amended
2521	plat making that change, as provided in this section and subject to Subsection (6)(c).
2522	(b) The surveyor preparing the amended plat shall certify that the surveyor:
2523	(i) holds a license in accordance with Title 58, Chapter 22, Professional Engineers and
2524	Professional Land Surveyors Licensing Act;
2525	(ii) has completed a survey of the property described on the plat in accordance with
2526	Section 17-23-17 and has verified all measurements; and
2527	(iii) has placed monuments as represented on the plat.
2528	(c) An owner of land may not submit for recording an amended plat that gives the
2529	subdivision described in the amended plat the same name as a subdivision recorded in the
2530	county recorder's office.
2531	(d) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(a), the recording of a declaration or other
2532	document that purports to change the name of a recorded plat is void.
2533	Section 43. Section 17-27a-609 is amended to read:
2534	17-27a-609. Land use authority approval of vacation or amendment of plat
2535	Recording the amended plat.
2536	(1) The land use authority may approve the vacation or amendment of a plat by signing

2537	an amended plat showing the vacation or amendment if the land use authority finds that:
2538	(a) there is good cause for the vacation or amendment; and
2539	(b) no public street[, right-of-way, or easement] has been vacated or amended.
2540	(2) (a) The land use authority shall ensure that the amended plat showing the vacation
2541	or amendment is recorded in the office of the county recorder in which the land is located.
2542	(b) If the amended plat is approved and recorded in accordance with this section, the
2543	recorded plat shall vacate, supersede, and replace any contrary provision in a previously
2544	recorded plat of the same land.
2545	(3) (a) A legislative body may vacate a subdivision or a portion of a subdivision by
2546	recording in the county recorder's office an ordinance describing the subdivision or the portion
2547	being vacated.
2548	(b) The recorded vacating ordinance shall replace a previously recorded plat described
2549	in the vacating ordinance.
2550	(4) An amended plat may not be submitted to the county recorder for recording unless
2551	it is:
2552	(a) signed by the land use authority; and
2553	(b) signed, acknowledged, and dedicated by each owner of record of the portion of the
2554	plat that is amended.
2555	(5) A management committee may sign and dedicate an amended plat as provided in
2556	Title 57, Chapter 8, Condominium Ownership Act.
2557	(6) A plat may be corrected as provided in Section 57-3-106.
2558	Section 44. Section 17-27a-609.5 is amended to read:
2559	17-27a-609.5. Petition to vacate a public street.
2560	(1) In lieu of vacating some or all of a public street through a plat or amended plat in
2561	accordance with Sections 17-27a-603 through 17-27a-609, a legislative body may approve a
2562	petition to vacate a public street in accordance with this section.
2563	[(1)] (2) A [petition] petitioner shall ensure that a petition to vacate some or all of a
2564	public street[, right-of-way, or easement shall include] includes:
2565	(a) the name and address of each owner of record of land that is:
2566	(i) adjacent to the public street[, right-of-way, or easement] between the two nearest
2567	public street intersections; or

2568	(ii) accessed exclusively by or within 300 feet of the public street[, right-of-way, or
2569	easement]; and
2570	(b) the signature of each owner under Subsection [(1)] (2) (a) who consents to the
2571	vacation.
2572	[(2)] (3) If a petition is submitted containing a request to vacate some or all of a <u>public</u>
2573	street, [right-of-way, or easement,] the legislative body shall hold a public hearing in
2574	accordance with Section 17-27a-208 and determine whether:
2575	(a) good cause exists for the vacation; and
2576	(b) the public interest or any person will be materially injured by the proposed
2577	vacation.
2578	$[\frac{(3)}{4}]$ The legislative body may adopt an ordinance granting a petition to vacate
2579	some or all of a public street[, right-of-way, or easement] if the legislative body finds that:
2580	(a) good cause exists for the vacation; and
2581	(b) neither the public interest nor any person will be materially injured by the vacation.
2582	[4] (5) If the legislative body adopts an ordinance vacating some or all of a public
2583	street[, right-of-way, or easement,] the legislative body shall ensure that one or both of the
2584	following is recorded in the office of the recorder of the county in which the land is located:
2585	(a) a plat reflecting the vacation; or
2586	(b) (i) an ordinance described in Subsection [(3)] (4); and
2587	(ii) a legal description of the public street to be vacated.
2588	[(5)] (6) The action of the legislative body vacating some or all of a <u>public</u> street[;
2589	right-of-way, or easement] that has been dedicated to public use:
2590	(a) operates to the extent to which it is vacated, upon the effective date of the recorded
2591	plat or ordinance, as a revocation of the acceptance of and the relinquishment of the county's
2592	fee in the vacated street, right-of-way, or easement; and
2593	(b) may not be construed to impair:
2594	(i) any right-of-way or easement of any lot owner; or
2595	(ii) the franchise rights of any public utility.
2596	(7) (a) A county may submit a petition and initiate and complete a process to vacate
2597	some or all of a public street.
2598	(b) If a county submits a petition and initiates a process under Subsection (7)(a):

2599	(i) the legislative body shall hold a public hearing;
2600	(ii) the petition and process may not apply to or affect a public utility easement, except
2601	to the extent:
2602	(A) the easement is included within the public street; and
2603	(B) the notice to vacate the public street also contains a notice to vacate the easement;
2604	<u>and</u>
2605	(iii) a recorded ordinance to vacate a public street has the same legal effect as vacating
2606	a public street through a recorded plat or amended plat.
2607	Section 45. Section 17-27a-707 is amended to read:
2608	17-27a-707. Scope of review of factual matters on appeal Appeal authority
2609	requirements.
2610	(1) A county may, by ordinance, designate the scope of review of factual matters for
2611	appeals of land use authority decisions.
2612	(2) If the county fails to designate a scope of review of factual matters, the appeal
2613	authority shall review the matter de novo, without deference to the land use authority's
2614	determination of factual matters.
2615	(3) If the scope of review of factual matters is on the record, the appeal authority shall
2616	determine whether the record on appeal includes substantial evidence for each essential finding
2617	of fact.
2618	(4) The appeal authority shall:
2619	(a) determine the correctness of the land use authority's interpretation and application
2620	of the plain meaning of the land use regulations; and
2621	(b) interpret and apply a land use regulation to favor a land use application unless the
2622	land use regulation plainly restricts the land use application.
2623	(5) (a) An appeal authority's land use decision is a quasi-judicial act[, even if the appeal
2624	authority is the].
2625	(b) A legislative body may act as an appeal authority unless both the legislative body
2626	and the appealing party agree to allow a third party to act as the appeal authority.
2627	(6) Only a decision in which a land use authority has applied a land use regulation to a
2628	particular land use application, person, or parcel may be appealed to an appeal authority.
2629	Section 46. Section 17-27a-801 is amended to read:

and

2630	17-27a-801. No district court review until administrative remedies exhausted
2631	Time for filing Tolling of time Standards governing court review Record on review
2632	Staying of decision.
2633	(1) No person may challenge in district court a land use decision until that person has
2634	exhausted the person's administrative remedies as provided in Part 7, Appeal Authority and
2635	Variances, if applicable.
2636	(2) (a) Any person adversely affected by a final decision made in the exercise of or in
2637	violation of the provisions of this chapter may file a petition for review of the decision with the
2638	district court within 30 days after the decision is final.
2639	(b) (i) The time under Subsection (2)(a) to file a petition is tolled from the date a
2640	property owner files a request for arbitration of a constitutional taking issue with the property
2641	rights ombudsman under Section 13-43-204 until 30 days after:
2642	(A) the arbitrator issues a final award; or
2643	(B) the property rights ombudsman issues a written statement under Subsection
2644	13-43-204(3)(b) declining to arbitrate or to appoint an arbitrator.
2645	(ii) A tolling under Subsection (2)(b)(i) operates only as to the specific constitutional
2646	taking issue that is the subject of the request for arbitration filed with the property rights
2647	ombudsman by a property owner.
2648	(iii) A request for arbitration filed with the property rights ombudsman after the time
2649	under Subsection (2)(a) to file a petition has expired does not affect the time to file a petition.
2650	(3) (a) A court shall:
2651	(i) presume that a land use regulation properly enacted under the authority of this
2652	chapter is valid; and
2653	(ii) determine only whether:
2654	(A) the land use regulation is expressly preempted by, or was enacted contrary to, state
2655	or federal law; and
2656	(B) it is reasonably debatable that the land use regulation is consistent with this
2657	chapter.
2658	(b) A court shall:
2659	(i) presume that a final decision of a land use authority or an appeal authority is valid;

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2661	(ii) uphold the decision unless the decision is:
2662	(A) arbitrary and capricious; or
2663	(B) illegal.
2664	(c) (i) A decision is arbitrary and capricious if the decision is not supported by
2665	substantial evidence in the record.
2666	(ii) A decision is illegal if the decision is:
2667	(A) based on an incorrect interpretation of a land use regulation; or
2668	(B) contrary to law.
2669	(d) (i) A court may affirm or reverse the decision of a land use authority.
2670	(ii) If the court reverses a denial of a land use application, the court shall remand the
2671	matter to the land use authority with instructions to issue an approval consistent with the court's
2672	decision.
2673	(4) The provisions of Subsection (2)(a) apply from the date on which the county takes
2674	final action on a land use application for any adversely affected third party, if the county
2675	conformed with the notice provisions of Part 2, Notice, or for any person who had actual notice
2676	of the pending decision.
2677	(5) If the county has complied with Section 17-27a-205, a challenge to the enactment
2678	of a land use regulation or general plan may not be filed with the district court more than 30
2679	days after the enactment.
2680	(6) A challenge to a land use decision is barred unless the challenge is filed within 30
2681	days after the land use decision is final.
2682	(7) (a) The land use authority or appeal authority, as the case may be, shall transmit to
2683	the reviewing court the record of its proceedings, including its minutes, findings, orders and, if
2684	available, a true and correct transcript of its proceedings.
2685	(b) If the proceeding was recorded, a transcript of that recording is a true and correct
2686	transcript for purposes of this Subsection (7).
2687	(8) (a) (i) If there is a record, the district court's review is limited to the record provided
2688	by the land use authority or appeal authority, as the case may be.
2689	(ii) The court may not accept or consider any evidence outside the record of the land
2690	use authority or appeal authority, as the case may be, unless that evidence was offered to the

land use authority or appeal authority, respectively, and the court determines that it was

improperly excluded.

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- (b) If there is no record, the court may call witnesses and take evidence.
- (9) (a) The filing of a petition does not stay the decision of the land use authority or appeal authority, as the case may be.
 - (b) (i) Before filing a petition under this section or a request for mediation or arbitration of a constitutional taking issue under Section 13-43-204, the aggrieved party may petition the appeal authority to stay its decision.
 - (ii) Upon receipt of a petition to stay, the appeal authority may order its decision stayed pending district court review if the appeal authority finds it to be in the best interest of the county.
 - (iii) After a petition is filed under this section or a request for mediation or arbitration of a constitutional taking issue is filed under Section 13-43-204, the petitioner may seek an injunction staying the appeal authority's decision.
 - (10) If the court determines that a party initiated or pursued a challenge to the decision on a land use application in bad faith, the court may award attorney fees.
 - Section 47. Section 17-27a-802 is amended to read:

17-27a-802. Enforcement.

- (1) (a) A county or any adversely affected owner of real estate within the county in which violations of this chapter or ordinances enacted under the authority of this chapter occur or are about to occur may, in addition to other remedies provided by law, institute:
 - (i) injunctions, mandamus, abatement, or any other appropriate actions; or
 - (ii) proceedings to prevent, enjoin, abate, or remove the unlawful building, use, or act.
 - (b) A county need only establish the violation to obtain the injunction.
 - (2) (a) A county may enforce the county's ordinance by withholding a building permit.
- (b) It is unlawful to erect, construct, reconstruct, alter, or change the use of any building or other structure within a county without approval of a building permit.
- (c) The county may not issue a building permit unless the plans of and for the proposed erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, or use fully conform to all regulations then in effect.
- (d) A county may not deny an applicant a building permit <u>or certificate of occupancy</u> because the applicant has not completed an infrastructure improvement:

2723	(i) that is not essential to meet the requirements for the issuance of a building permit or
2724	certificate of occupancy under the building code and fire code; and
2725	(ii) for which the county has accepted an improvement completion assurance for
2726	landscaping or infrastructure improvements for the development.
2727	Section 48. Section 57-1-13 is amended to read:
2728	57-1-13. Form of quitclaim deed Effect.
2729	(1) A conveyance of land may also be substantially in the following form:
2730	"QUITCLAIM DEED
2731	(here insert name), grantor, of (insert place of residence), hereby quitclaims
2732	to (insert name), grantee, of (here insert place of residence), for the sum of
2733	dollars, the following described tract of land in County, Utah, to wit: (here describe
2734	the premises).
2735	Witness the hand of said grantor this(month\day\year).
2736	A quitclaim deed when executed as required by law shall have the effect of a
2737	conveyance of all right, title, interest, and estate of the grantor in and to the premises therein
2738	described and all rights, privileges, and appurtenances thereunto belonging, at the date of the
2739	conveyance."
2740	(2) [For a] \underline{A} boundary line agreement operating as a quitclaim deed [as] shall meet the
2741	requirements described in Section 57-1-45[, the boundary line agreement shall include, in
2742	addition to a legal description of the agreed upon boundary line:].
2743	[(a) the signature of each grantor;]
2744	[(b) a sufficient acknowledgment for each grantor's signature; and]
2745	[(c) the address of each grantee for assessment purposes.]
2746	Section 49. Section 57-1-45 is amended to read:
2747	57-1-45. Boundary line agreements.
2748	(1) If properly executed and acknowledged as required under this chapter, and when
2749	recorded in the office of the recorder of the county in which the property is located, an
2750	agreement between adjoining property owners [designating] of unsubdivided land that
2751	designates the boundary line between [their properties, when recorded in the office of the
2752	recorder of the county in which the property is located, shall act] the adjoining properties acts
2753	as a quitclaim deed [and] to convey all of each party's right, title, interest, and estate in property

2754	outside the agreed boundary line that had been the subject of the boundary line agreement or
2755	dispute that led to the boundary line agreement.
2756	(2) [A] Adjoining property owners executing a boundary line agreement described in
2757	Subsection (1) shall [include]:
2758	(a) ensure that the agreement includes:
2759	[(a)] (i) a legal description of the agreed upon boundary line;
2760	[(b)] (ii) the name and signature of each grantor that is party to the agreement;
2761	[(c)] (iii) a sufficient acknowledgment for each grantor's signature; [and]
2762	[(d)] (iv) the address of each grantee for assessment purposes[-];
2763	(v) a statement citing the file number of a record of a survey map, as defined in
2764	Sections 10-9a-103 and 17-27a-103, that the parties prepare and file, in accordance with
2765	Section 17-23-17, in conjunction with the boundary line agreement; and
2766	(vi) the date of the agreement if the date is not included in the acknowledgment in a
2767	form substantially similar to a quitclaim deed as described in Section 57-1-13; and
2768	(b) prepare an amended plat in accordance with Title 10, Chapter 9a, Part 6,
2769	Subdivisions, or Title 17, Chapter 27a, Part 6, Subdivisions.
2770	(3) A boundary line agreement described in Subsection (1) that complies with
2771	Subsection (2) presumptively:
2772	(a) has no detrimental effect on any easement on the property that is recorded before
2773	the date on which the agreement is executed unless the owner of the property benefitting from
2774	the easement specifically modifies the easement within the boundary line agreement or a
2775	separate recorded easement modification or relinquishment document; and
2776	(b) relocates the parties' common boundary line for an exchange of consideration.
2777	(4) Notwithstanding Title 10, Chapter 9a, Part 6, Subdivisions, Title 17, Chapter 27a,
2778	Part 6, Subdivisions, or the local entity's ordinances or policies, a boundary line agreement is
2779	not subject to:
2780	(a) any public notice, public hearing, or preliminary platting requirement;
2781	(b) the local entity's planning commission review or recommendation;
2782	(c) an engineering review or approval; or
2783	(d) a health department review or approval.
2784	Section 50. Section 63I-2-217 is amended to read:

- 2785 **63I-2-217.** Repeal dates -- Title 17.
- 2786 (1) Subsection 17-27a-102(1)(b), the language that states "or a designated mountainous planning district" is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2788 (2) (a) Subsection [17-27a-103(15)(b)] <u>17-27a-103(16)(b)</u>, regarding general plan guidelines for a mountainous planning district, is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2790 (b) Subsection [17-27a-103(37)] <u>17-27a-103(39)</u>, regarding the definition of a 2791 "mountainous planning district," is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2792 (3) Subsection 17-27a-210(2)(a), the language that states "or the mountainous planning district area" is repealed June 1, 2020.
 - (4) (a) Subsection 17-27a-301(1)(b)(iii) is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2795 (b) Subsection 17-27a-301(1)(c) is repealed June 1, 2020.
- (c) Subsection 17-27a-301(2)(a), the language that states "described in Subsection (1)(a) or (c)" is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2798 (5) Subsection 17-27a-302(1), the language that states ", or mountainous planning district" and "or the mountainous planning district," is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2800 (6) Subsection 17-27a-305(1)(a), the language that states "a mountainous planning district or" and ", as applicable" is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2802 (7) (a) Subsection 17-27a-401(1)(b)(ii) is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2803 (b) Subsection 17-27a-401(6) is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2804 (8) (a) Subsection 17-27a-403(1)(b)(ii) is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2805 (b) Subsection 17-27a-403(1)(c)(iii) is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2806 (c) Subsection (2)(a)(iii), the language that states "or the mountainous planning district" is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2808 (d) Subsection 17-27a-403(2)(c)(i), the language that states "or mountainous planning district" is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2810 (9) Subsection 17-27a-502(1)(d)(i)(B) is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2811 (10) Subsection 17-27a-505.5(2)(a)(iii) is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2812 (11) Subsection 17-27a-602(1)(b), the language that states "or, in the case of a
- 2813 mountainous planning district, the mountainous planning district" is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2814 (12) Subsection 17-27a-604(1)(b)(i)(B) is repealed June 1, 2020.
- 2815 (13) Subsection 17-27a-605(1), the language that states "or mountainous planning

2816 district land" is repealed June 1, 2020. 2817 (14) Title 17, Chapter 27a, Part 9, Mountainous Planning District, is repealed June 1, 2818 2020. 2819 (15) On June 1, 2020, when making the changes in this section, the Office of 2820 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall: 2821 (a) in addition to its authority under Subsection 36-12-12(3), make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections identified in this section are complete 2822 2823 sentences and accurately reflect the office's understanding of the Legislature's intent; and 2824 (b) identify the text of the affected sections and subsections based upon the section and 2825 subsection numbers used in Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 448. 2826 (16) On June 1, 2020: 2827 (a) Section 17-52a-104 is repealed; 2828 (b) in Subsection 17-52a-301(3)(a), the language that states "or under a provision 2829 described in Subsection 17-52a-104(2)," is repealed; 2830 (c) Subsection 17-52a-301(3)(a)(vi) is repealed; 2831 (d) in Subsection 17-52a-501(1), the language that states "or, for a county under a pending process described in Section 17-52a-104, under Section 17-52-204 as that section was 2832 2833 in effect on March 14, 2018," is repealed; and 2834 (e) in Subsection 17-52a-501(3)(a), the language that states "or, for a county under a 2835 pending process described in Section 17-52a-104, the attorney's report that is described in 2836 Section 17-52-204 as that section was in effect on March 14, 2018 and that contains a 2837 statement described in Subsection 17-52-204(5) as that subsection was in effect on March 14, 2838 2018," is repealed.

(17) On January 1, 2028, Subsection 17-52a-102(3) is repealed.